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## Introduction

The Chinese lunar calendar dates back to 2637 B.C. and is still used today to help guide people in their lives. There are twelve animal signs and five elements, and when combined according to the guidelines of the system, we have a complete cycle lasting 60 years.

This year, we are about one third of the way through the 78<sup>th</sup> cycle. Each year in the 60-year cycle has a different energy. This year we will experience the energy of the Wood Sheep (also known as the Wood Goat, or Wood Ram).

This book offers a great deal more than most annual Chinese Astrology books. In addition to predictions for each Chinese Zodiac sign for

2015—including in-depth predictions for love, money, career, family, and health—I have outlined specific Feng Shui solutions for the year. This book will be the ideal tool for you to use as you gather the most positive energy and the greatest luck (and good fortune) for yourself and your family in 2015!

Feng Shui is the study and practice of using things in your environment to affect a change in your luck. Feng Shui is an ancient practice, yet it's still an extremely effective way to create change. Objects and energy in our personal environment affect us on a subconscious level.

When we access the power of Feng Shui, we may suddenly find ourselves more able to recognize an opportunity; we have greater energy to grab hold of what we want. And we gain the confidence to move forward toward our goals.

Chinese philosophers say there are three forces in our lives, called the “Three Lucks”. *Heaven Luck* is our astrological chart, which reveals our individual talents and the challenges we may encounter in our lives. *Human Luck* is our willpower and motivation to succeed. *Earth Luck* is the energy of the places where we live and work, the Feng Shui of our environment.

In this book, you will learn much about what 2015 holds for you and your family. You can find out what your Heaven Luck reveals about your love life (and if you're already in a relationship, tips for continued success this year), your finances, job prospects, your family, and more.

We'll take a look at your Earth Luck, and offer specific tips and instructions about things you can do to bring or increase the positive energy flow to your life. You'll find tips and suggestions for changes in your home and office.

For those of you interested in the Feng Shui of your residence, there's a special bonus section at the end of this book—an excerpt from my book, “Feng Shui Form”. This sample chapter reveals what you can do to improve the environment in your master bedroom in order to enjoy

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more restful sleep, improved relationships, and greater luck and good fortune.

Let's begin! We'll start with an overall perspective of the energy this year, then explore the predictions for each sign. I hope you enjoy the process. I'd love to hear your comments, and if you have questions, please email me at [donna@donnastellhorn.com](mailto:donna@donnastellhorn.com).

## **Moving from Horse Energy to Sheep (or Goat) Energy**

Last year, in my book: “Chinese Astrology: 2014, The Year of the Wood Horse”, I talked about the different forms the powerful energy of the Horse would take. I’m sure you’ll agree, Horse energy made last year an interesting year! The year began with many people feeling like a race horse stuck at the starting gate. Many of my clients told me they were raring to go, but felt held back—waiting for this person or that opportunity to present itself.

The levels of frustration mounted as they were obliged to wait to move forward, and it crested in the Spring. By Summer people began to feel some forward movement. Then, like in a race with many eager horses, some left the starting gate smoothly, taking the lead quickly. Others stumbled out of the gate and fell behind.

Last year I explained how Horse energy would bring a sense of optimism, even when one was not warranted. The stock market soared in the beginning of the year. People started spending again. My clients talked about fixing up houses, taking trips, and setting dates for retirement.

I also told you how the herd-like Horse energy would cause people to move more strongly towards forming groups. Indeed, we saw movies like “Divergent” (a dystopian view of the future where people are divided into groups, and those who don’t stay in their groups are considered a threat to the whole) hit top box office numbers. And the movie “Noah”—the Biblical tale of a great flood destroying life on earth along with most of mankind (except for a small group of people) because people had, as a society, turned away from God.

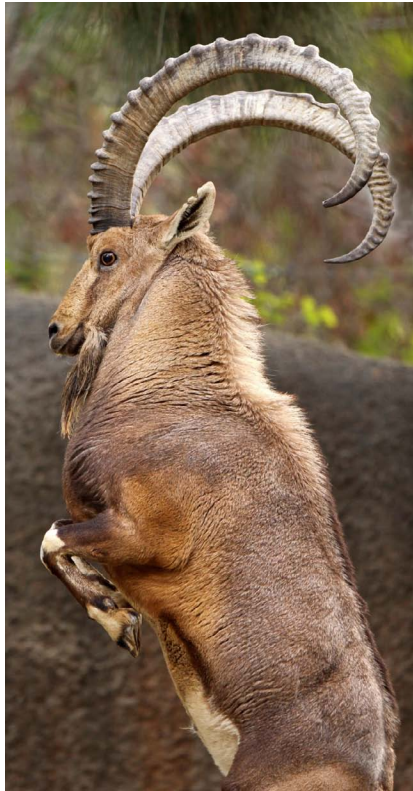
The thundering hooves of Horses were felt throughout the world as earthquakes happened in places where there usually aren’t quakes. As well, even larger quakes were experienced in places where people do expect them.

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I talked about the speed of the Horse and how we would be focused on the time things take. In some ways the world seemed to be moving at break-neck speeds. Our internet and download speeds increased, yet, at the same time, traffic on the highways slowed us down.

Our impatience grew as hold times for customer service took longer. We increased multitasking as we watched TV from tablets while waiting in doctor's offices and in grocery checkout lines. In many ways life moved faster, and yet many people told me they felt like progress was slow.

These are just a few highlights from last year. Now we're entering the Year of the Wood Sheep (or the Wood Goat).



## **What is Sheep/Goat Energy?**

This particular year in the Chinese Zodiac has three images, each one of them symbolizes one aspect of the energy we will experience this year. There is Ram energy, Sheep energy, and Goat energy. (Actually, a Ram is a male sheep used for breeding; the female is called a Ewe; and their offspring is a Lamb).

Sheep are different than goats, they are woolly creatures, and they are raised in part for the richness of their coats—which are trimmed—providing the valuable commodity, wool. Their coats are used to make clothing, cloth, carpets, and other sturdy materials meant to last over time. Sheep also provide us with meat and in some countries, cheese. Unlike sheep, goats have “hair”, and are often raised for milk, meat and cheese.

Even though sheep and goats are different, they are often used interchangeably to describe the eighth sign of the Chinese Zodiac. What we want to focus on here is how we see these animals, and how our perception of their energy will translate into our understanding of the energy for 2015.





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*The Ram:* This energy is strong, stubborn, sometimes downright belligerent. If something stands in the ram's way, the ram will just put his head down and plow his way forward, through whatever blocks his way. This ram energy is like a mack-truck, nothing can block it from reaching its goal, its desired destination. Once in motion, ram energy has a lot of trouble processing new information or changing directions.



*The Goat:* Sometimes this year, we are likely to hear some people say, “We are in 2015, Year of the Wood Goat!” So, let's think about what we know of this animal in general. Goats are extremely curious and quite intelligent. The energy of the goat is one of foraging—eating anything and everything it can find. This energy represents the ability to take any resource and make it useful. This goat energy will take the leftovers from one source and turn them into a feast for another.

Goats have the ability to climb and maintain their balance even in precarious places. (A goat can even climb trees!) They cleverly find their way out of pens and past fences. The goat represents the energy of always climbing, always working towards a better goal.

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A Goat will do whatever it takes to get out of a trapped situation, and/or to seek out the place here the grass indeed is greener. The goat sees how just a little effort can lead to a life of peace and prosperity. Goat is willing to make the effort to have a better life.



*The Sheep:* There is one image of the energy of the docile sheep with its head down, focusing on nothing but the grass they are eating. He or she wakes in the morning with no thought but to enjoy the day, and then the shepherd comes and moves the flock of sheep to the part of the field where it will spend its day.

Sheep are quick to follow a leader, whomever that may be. Sometimes they follow a Ram who has taken on the leadership role. Sometimes it is the shepherd and his sheepdog who point out the direction to the flock.

Sheep tend to stay near other members of the flock. Sheep rarely venture out on their own, and can become quite stressed when they are separated from other members of their flock. It is not uncommon for us

to recognize and identify similar behavior mirrored among our fellow citizens all around us in our own lives.

Each of us has some area(s) of life where it feels good to be part of a group of like-minded others. And if we observe other societies and cultures around the world, it is common to notice people prefer to spend time with others who share their opinions, their beliefs and traditions, rather than mixing with people who express different political or social ideas and ideals.

While alert to general danger, a sheep feels safe being part of the herd, one among many. He or she is not required to make individual judgments or decisions, simply to go with the flow. For individuals, mimicking this behavior can be pleasant for a while, or in a particular situation; but it may not be helpful to do this for days or months at a time.

In 2015 it will be important not to fall into this pattern of behavior for extended periods of time. Even though it might feel comfortable to simply relax and “go with the flow” in our own lives, and let others make decisions on our behalf, this can lead to difficulties. We need to be mindful of the fact that sheep eat from dawn until dusk. This year we will need to be conscious of our eating habits and not follow mindless patterns.

You can choose to express any of these energies during this year, or you can experience a combination of several. This year we’ll see the Ram/Sheep/Goat energy manifest in our friends and family, in governments, communities, and corporations. We’ll experience all aspects of the patterns and familiar behaviors of Ram/Sheep/Goat in every part of our lives.

## **How We View Sheep/Goat Energy**

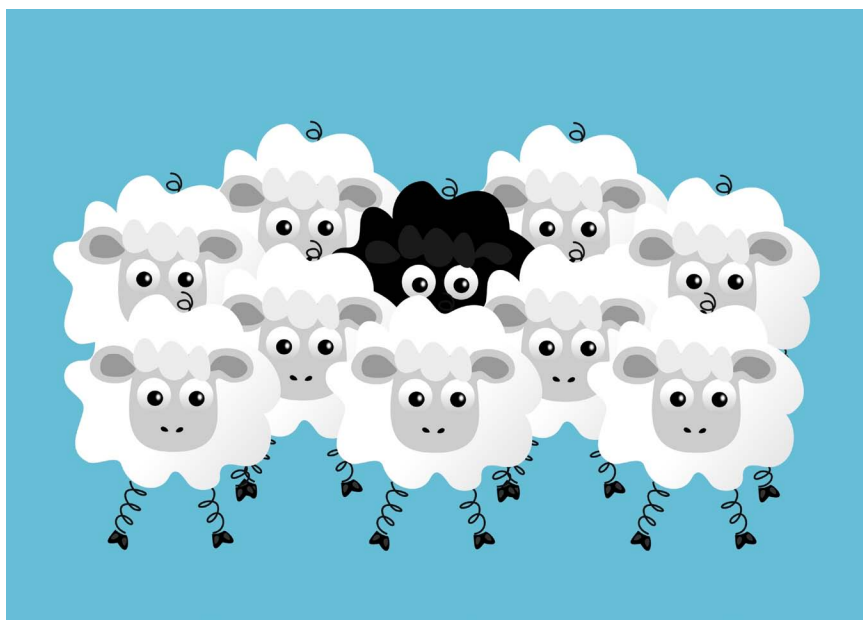
To further explore the energy of 2015, let’s see how the words “ram”, “goat” and “sheep” have been used in our own language, and how they are used today in our media.

Ram: One really popular saying comes to mind, and that is “to ram something down someone’s throat”. It’s the visual expression applied to the concept of someone taking their idea and pushing/forcing us to accept it.

We will feel this kind of stressful energy this year as people try to communicate their ideas or to take specific action on behalf of a large group of others, while completely ignoring anyone else’s views. We see this already happening as politicians wage wars of words and “helpfully” inform us of what our opinions should be.

Goat: Aside from the famous painting by Chagall of a violin-playing goat, there are only two really popular images connected with the name “goat”. One is to: “...have the manners of a goat”. This is usually attributed to someone who is greedily taking more than their share, and making a mess of things in the process. We will likely experience this energy during 2015, as we see some in the world who have much, grabbing for more and more.

The other goat image is: “to get someone’s goat”. This idiom means to make a usually peaceful person angry or annoyed. This saying originated because goats are known for being so easy-going. This year it will be difficult to remain balanced and not be goaded into anger or action when provoked by others.



Sheep: There are six common idioms or images involving the word “sheep”. First, being a “black sheep” means to be the odd or different/difficult member of a family or a group. This derives from the tradition that the birth of a black sheep was considered bad luck.

Now, the birth of a black sheep was a rare occurrence, but it did happen. And black wool did not sell as well as white wool. So, a black sheep represented a loss of income.

In a year where the importance of going along and getting along with a group of others, strong people with differing opinions can feel threatened with being closed off from opportunities by other members of their group. This year we will need to remember there are many, many opportunities for each of us, and we don’t have to bend to the will of the group in order to have what we want.

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“Being led like sheep to the slaughter.” is another idiom. This comes from the idea sheep are easily led, and don’t think much about where the leader is taking them. We see this same meaning in the idiom, “people acting like sheep”. We’ll notice quite a bit of discussion and analysis in the media this year about how this particular type of sheep-like energy is affecting and can affect our own lives and those of others.

Followers will be discussed and analyzed, and the action of their leaders will be examined as well. There will be comments about how many people seem to just blindly follow a leader down any path. This could mean we hear about religious cults, more extreme political parties and opinions, and/or groups engaged in really reckless behavior.

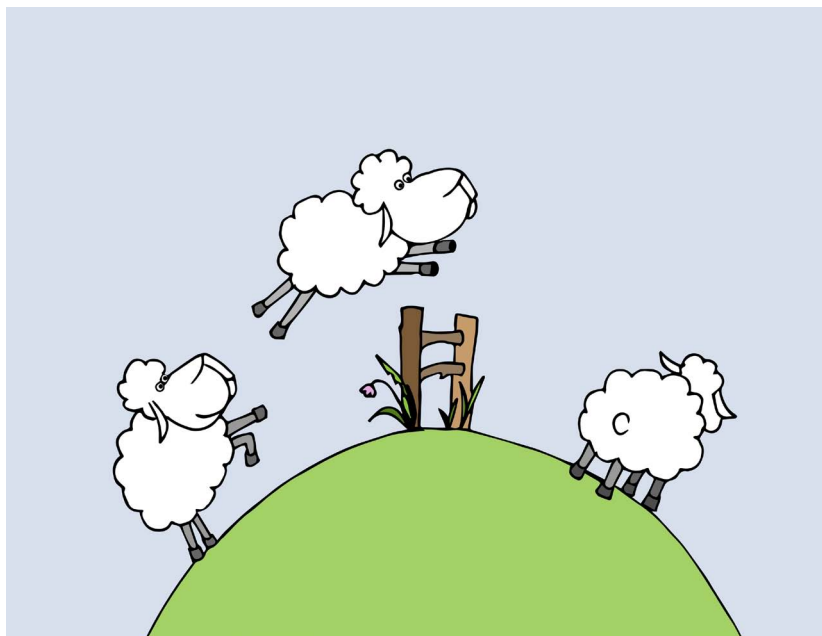


In contrast, there is the idiom: “a wolf in sheep’s clothing”, which reminds us people are not always as they appear. This energetic may

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bring us news of people infiltrating countries, companies, or organizations with the intent of destroying from within.

The energy of this year is quite different than what we experienced in 2014 with the Year of the Wood Horse. We will see much more attention paid to the problem of shyness and to introverts (which won't make introverts happy)—this is the energy of “being sheepish”.



Our final sheep reference to consider is: “counting sheep to go to sleep”. This old remedy for insomnia has since been disproven in an Oxford University study. But the subjects of sleep and mental stress will be topics of discussion this year. When we have trouble sleeping we will need to look for ways to calm our minds.

There is a Chinese idiom related to sheep (“wangyang bulao”) which roughly translates: “do when it needs”. The story of this how this idiom

came to be goes like this. There was a boy with a large flock of sheep. One day one of the sheep went missing, but the boy didn't care—after all, he had lots of sheep. Each day another sheep would disappear, until there was only one sheep left. That's when the boy noticed! He mended the fence and the last sheep never left.

In the West we have a saying with a similar meaning: “a stitch in time saves nine”. The Chinese idiom, “Do when it needs”, tells us we must deal with matters at the time they occur—otherwise much can be lost.

Another Chinese proverb (‘yang mao chu zai yang sheng shang’) translates: “sheep's wool comes off the sheep's back”. This is to say sometimes the benefit you think you're receiving is actually coming out of your own pocket.

Here in the West we might say: “There's no free lunch!”, or possibly: “We've been fleeced!”. With the latter, we may have been taken advantage of, or be tricked into paying for something we never received. And with the former, we may be “given” something by someone else, but there may not be any benefit to us from the gift; in fact it may be expensive to us in some other, unexpected way.

In the Christian tradition, Jesus' disciples and followers were often called “a flock”, and Jesus is designated, “the Good Shepherd”. Jesus is also referred to as the “Lamb of God” by John the Baptist (John 1:29), referencing the Old Testament tradition of sacrificing sheep or lambs at important festivals or holidays.

We can gain a lot of insight into the energy of the Year of the Sheep through thinking about stories and phrases like these. They reveal the types of people, topics and situations we'll be focusing on this year.

And becoming aware of the way we individually think or talk about rams, sheep and goats will allow us to gain a sense of the types of experiences we will likely encounter on a regular basis during 2015. Here is an enlightening story from the Norwegian tradition.



## **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**

*Once upon a time, there were three hungry Billy Goats Gruff. They lived on a hill. Over time they had eaten all the green grass on the hill and now they were very hungry. They needed to find food.*

*In the valley below they could see rolling hills of tender, green grass. But to reach it they would have to cross a bridge over a river, and under the bridge lived a very large, very mean troll.*

*The youngest and smallest of the Billy Goats Gruff was so hungry. He was determined to get to the tender, green grass, so he ran onto the bridge. As he was crossing the bridge, the troll sprung out from under it. He roared, "Who's that on my bridge! I'm hungry and I'm going to eat you!"*

*The youngest goat stopped and said in a tiny voice, "Please don't eat me. I'm small and thin. My brother is coming and he is much, much bigger than me."*

*And the troll saw he was indeed thin and boney and said, "You're right, there's no meat on you. I'll wait for your bigger brother!"*

*And the littlest goat trotted across the bridge into the valley and started to eat the delicious, tender grass.*

*The middle goat saw his brother in the valley below, eating the tender, green grass, and said to himself, "If my little brother can cross the bridge, then so can I!"*

*So the middle goat proceeded to cross the bridge, and as he was crossing the troll sprung out from under it. He roared, "Who's that on my bridge! I'm hungry and I'm going to eat you!"*

*The middle goat stopped and said in a scared voice, "Please don't eat me. I'm small and thin. My other brother is coming and he is much, much bigger than me."*

*And the troll saw he was indeed thin and boney, “You’re right, there’s no meat on you. I’ll wait for your bigger brother!” And the middle goat trotted across the bridge into the valley and joined his little brother eating the delicious, tender grass.*

*The oldest goat saw his two brothers in the valley below, eating the tender, green grass, and he felt very hungry. He thought to himself if his younger, smaller brothers could cross the bridge then so could he.*

*So he set out towards the valley. When he got to the middle of the bridge the troll sprang out from under it. He roared, “Who’s that on my bridge! I’m hungry and I’m going to eat you!”*

*The oldest goat stopped and said in a firm voice, “It’s me, and I’m big and strong and I’m not scared of you!”, even though he was a little scared.*

*The troll said, “I am going to eat you right now!” and he climbed onto the bridge and turned to face the oldest goat. What the troll did not notice was the two younger goats trotting up behind him.*

*The oldest billy goat lowered his head and rammed the troll with all his might. Then the middle goat struck the troll with his sharp horns, and the youngest goat—who was indeed small and thin, but actually quite strong—flung the troll into the air, sending him flying through the air to land in the river below.*

*The river was deep and fast. It carried the troll to the ocean where he was never seen or heard from again.*



*Now the three goats went safely into the beautiful valley filled with tender, green grass, where they could eat and eat and eat. And they can cross the bridge whenever they like.*

There are a several messages for us in this story. The first is the troll's shortsightedness: he was hungry but greedy, so he passed on the smaller goats and waited for the larger one. This made it possible for the three goats to surround and defeat him. Tip: Don't be fooled by sales pitches and promises of future benefits.

Another message of the story is about achieving success through cooperation. Sometimes you can't do things alone and you need help. Sometimes you may encounter a problem you can't solve at the moment. Then you need to wait and marshal your forces. Tip: You can always come back later and deal with whatever it is.

The story is also a reminder we need friends we can count on. Tip: We need people who will back us up when we're facing a troll.

The final message is: members of any herd tend to look for a leader, and often the leader is just the individual who moves first. Here the littlest goat decided he was hungry, and the rest (i.e., the problem of a big troll) would take care of itself. The youngest goat became the leader and the others followed. Tip: If you want to be a leader this year, all you have to do is take action first.

## **Aesop's Fable of the Fox and the Goat**

*One day, by chance, Fox fell into a deep well. Try as he could, he could not get out. Finally he called out and a goat who was passing by asked the fox what he was doing down there.*

*“Haven't you heard,” said Fox in a serious voice, “there's going to be terrible drought, so I jumped into this well so I will have water. Why don't you come down and join me?”*

*Goat thought this was very generous of Fox, so he jumped right into the well. Fox leaped onto Goat's back, then onto his horns, to easily jump out of the well. As he waved goodbye to poor, trapped Goat he said, “Never trust advice from a man in trouble”.*

The story represents how we can be tricked when we listen to someone else's voice, rather than counting on our own common sense, or relying on our own intuition. We need to look at the whole picture, rather than just listen to the words someone else has to offer.

This year, ask yourself, "Who is giving me this message? What is the intention behind their message, and what are the circumstances in their life right now?" This year it's important not to run blindly at the first sign of trouble, but to do your own fact-checking and research before taking dramatic action.



## **The Chinese Fable of the Lost Lamb on the Branching Road**

There was a great scholar in China named Yang-tse, who is credited with this story which illustrates the importance of staying focused on one's life goals.

*One day a neighbor of the scholar, Yang-tse, lost one of his little lambs. The neighbor sent out all of his servants to search for the lamb; then he set out looking for the lamb as well.*

*Yang-tse was very surprised and asked, “Why have you sent so many people to search for just one lamb?”*

*The neighbor answered, “There are so many branching roads around here, the lamb could have taken any of them.” He continued, “I’ve assigned one person for each branch of the road.”*

*Yang-tse was kindhearted, and could see how concerned his neighbor was. So, he sent his servants out as well to help look for the little lost lamb. The lamb was not found after a day of searching, and Yang-tse asked his servants why. “There are so many branching roads near your neighbor’s house, and each branch has many branches of it’s own. We can’t be sure which way the little lamb went.”*

*Yang-tse grew silent and went into deep thought. After a while, his servants and disciples became worried about him, and asked, “Why do you worry so much about one little lamb? It’s not even yours?”*

*Yang-tse gathered his servants together and said, “I’m not concerned for this little lamb. I’m thinking of the branches in the road that caused the lamb to be lost.*

*So it is with our studies. If we lack determination and lose concentration, we are just like the lamb, lost on a branching road”.*

We now face so many distractions on a daily basis in this modern world! This story is a good reminder about the importance of staying on track. We can only really achieve what we want when we take the time to focus on our goals.

## **Global Predictions for 2015, Year of the Wood Sheep**

After the wild ride of a Horse year we can expect smaller, more conservative growth in the Year of the Sheep. The Chinese name for the Year of the Sheep (or Goat) is *wei*, which means: “not yet”. The name

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indicates this is more of a waiting period, rather than a time of action. People will talk about waiting for the right time, or waiting for things to improve, or waiting for the right opportunity.

The energy of this year is also about wanting to improve things, to discern or figure out what is working, and what is not working in our lives. Analytical abilities will be valued as people feel the need to consider the pluses and minuses of every possible scenario before committing to action. People will be curious to understand the motivations of others, and seek to discover any possible hidden agenda.

People will be more social, especially when they are feeling stressed. They will want to spend time around friends and family (even if it's done virtually, online). So, this is the year to take action, and if you're not already on social media, you probably want to at least get familiar with it!

People will be looking for leaders, and some of those leaders will be brilliant, positive inspirations, and some will not. Many people will follow someone else, just because they need to know which direction to go. These people won't necessarily even be aware of where they are being lead.

People who are blindly following others will ultimately find themselves at quite a distance from where they originally thought or believed their destination might be. We need to remember to ask ourselves who our chosen leaders are. What kind of lives do these leaders live? What are the implications of the decisions these leaders make on behalf of their followers? What happens to people when they follow in the footsteps these leader figures or role models suggest, etc.

That said, people will want the leaders they choose, not ones chosen for them. So people will not be so amenable to elected leaders after they are in office; and they will complain bitterly about what elected officials do or do not do. However, this is a time of record low voter turnout.

Fewer and fewer people want to get involved in their communities or in politics in general, because their own lives will be such a handful.

People will be more on edge this year. They will react when they sense danger. They may flee, or they may strike out defensively. Many people will be in the news due to an outburst of temper, or for taking sudden and unexpected action. There may be more incidents of road rage and shootings resulting from heated arguments. As a result of the stressful energy, many people will prefer to stay at home more; or they will stick to familiar neighborhood spots.

While people themselves may seem a little more reserved in their dealings with others, they will also be more compassionate towards masses of others who are suffering. There will be outpourings of generosity for those who experience weather- and war-related disasters in other lands.

This year people will value high moral principles. But unfortunately this appreciation of moral values, and the generosity they express towards those in need, will mostly be directed to people unknown to them. People will feel much less compassion for people in our own neighborhoods, in our own country—people we see every day, but who are in the background of our lives. We may not even think about our neighbors struggling to find jobs or to make ends meet.

In Chinese folklore, the symbol of the Ram (the male Sheep) is the one for retirement—a symbol for living a good life in retirement. With millions of baby boomers reaching the age of retirement in ever increasing numbers, there will be lots of blogs and news stories about people who can and cannot retire.

Taking a vacation and/or days off work will become more important this year. And there will be lots of media stories about how to enjoy (and spend money) on leisure activities.



## **World Health in 2015**

When we're active this year we will enjoy better health. Maintaining a positive attitude will really affect our overall well-being more than in previous years. Perhaps because of the compliant, sensitive nature of Sheep, this year even people who are usually healthy and hearty will feel noticeably more fragile and concerned about being susceptible to contagions.

Much good health will be related to a balance of mind, body and spirit. When people become unhappy in 2015, they will be much more likely to feel it physically, becoming rundown, feverish, or experiencing flu-like symptoms.

People will experience more stomach and intestinal problems this year. This could be related to problems in the food supply, or occur as a result of simply consuming the wrong diet.

Eye, ear, nose and throat areas are also in the spotlight this year. Problems in these areas could be related to additional pollution in the air and water, or additional allergens in the environment. Skin cancers will be on the rise, and people will need a stronger sunblock this year.

Balanced and gentle exercise will be the most beneficial for everyone this year. Daily walking (especially if there hills to climb), gardening, dancing, and even swimming are all good exercises for 2015.

This is not as optimistic a year as the previous one. People will take a darker view of the future, something they will call: "being realistic". They are looking at the world and not seeing improvement, and this is giving many the idea that things are not ever going to get better.

It will be important to turn off the news from time to time, and to remember that your own life is actually going pretty well. The media's magnifying glass will not help you be optimistic about what the future holds.

Fear—recognizing and releasing fear—will be super important this year. Sheep energy responds to fear with anger and impulsive action. Indeed, Sheep energy responds by becoming scattered and unfocused, and following whomever seems to have things under control.

This year when you decide what you want, and you find it's not manifesting, you have encountered a block. You are not being blocked by something outside of yourself, you are blocked by your own self. Your block is fear.

Specifically, it is the fear you won't be able to handle some aspect of what you are trying to attract. Both Ram and Sheep can easily become overwhelmed when this occurs, which produces fear. Getting a good night's sleep will help you process all the emotions and information of the day, something really necessary this year.

People will find great benefit from winding down the day with a cup of herbal tea, or a bit of yoga, meditation—whatever helps calm their mind and body before bedtime, and getting a full night's sleep as often as possible. After a good night's sleep you will find it easier to get past fears and uncertainty, and make strong progress on your goals.

## **Home Life and Real Estate in 2015**

Images of the Ram, Sheep and Goat have long symbolized a future of peace, consistency and repose. There will be a great focus on bringing stability to the home. People will take steps to remove things and people from their lives this year—indeed, whatever upsets their feeling of security and stability will have to go! Yet, even when a situation is less than ideal, the desire will be for peace over change, so it might take a while to actually let go.

2015 is considered a fertile year, a year when the family can grow in size. Fertility energy brings increase to many aspects of people's lives this year. People will happily settle into relationships and set up housekeeping or buy homes. There will be a strong focus on renovating

homes to make them more comfortable; and renovating on a budget will be the most popular way to do it.

Sheep energy is a symbol of family respect and love, as represented in the image of the baby lamb kneeling to take it's mother's milk. There will be a lot of focus on families: children taking care of parents, adult children living with parents, and people taking care of disabled relatives.

When it comes to food and drink we will see a great movement towards natural and even vegetarian choices. Meat will still be consumed (lamb is one of the few meats believers of most major religions accept as a part of their diet), but there will be less meat eaten than in previous years.

Birthdays and holidays will become special and important again. Elaborate parties will be in the news, and we'll hear and see a lot more about ways we can entertain our family and friends, and celebrate each others' successes.

More people will decorate for the holidays. It's a good idea to remember birthdays and special events (like anniversaries for both personal and business events), because forgotten birthdays (and other personally significant events) will cause very hurt feelings this year. This might even result in huge, unforeseen repercussions in people's careers and personal lives! If you can't do anything else, at least send a card or make a call to mark the occasion.

## **Love and Romance in 2015**

Sheep energy is faithful, and seeks a long term relationship. This year people will enter into new relationships cautiously. They will take their time to get to know one another before committing emotionally or financially to the union.

On the other hand, this is the year for romance, and we will see (and hear) a lot of loving energy in popular movies and songs. However, the energy is not impulsive, so expect an emphasis on the “old-fashioned” type of love—more pining than passion.

While the energy of 2015 is focused on consistency and harmony, this doesn’t mean people won’t become territorial about their love relationships. Feeling jealousy, it will not be unusual to feel the urge to express passion through aggressive behavior. We’ll read about it, see it in the news, experience it ourselves.

When it’s time to fight, there will be a fight. And people will break up when one or both feel disrespected. However, overall, people will want to avoid scenes or extremes. They will opt for harmony over excitement.

People will feel a desire to adapt in order to experience an opportunity for love in their lives. In other years this would be called: “settling”, but this year it will be seen as taking a practical step. On the other hand, if a relationship has not been working for a while, even those who were not interested in separating in the past will, this year, shrug their shoulders and move on.

We will see people’s opinions change about who can marry whom. People will not want to be bothered with the goings on of others. As long as they feel comfortable and safe in their own world, they won’t care so much what others are up to.

Because of the heightened desire for security, some will put off having a relationship altogether, and they may stay in more comfortable and/or secure living circumstances with parents. They may dream of marriage and independence, but this year it will not be as attractive as free room and board.

## **Money and Finances in 2015**

In 2015 people will be intensely interested in increasing the amount of money in their bank accounts. They'll be highly interested in shoring up their personal wealth. This will not be easy in some cases, as prices are going up. And even as people focus on increasing savings, they will also covet the latest gadgets, new comfortable furniture, and newer vehicles.

Overall, though, this will be a good year financially for many. Also, as people choose to be generous with those around them, they will be rewarded financially and with opportunities from the positive connections they make.

Many people will start small ventures on the side in 2015. They may become reps in network marketing companies, or start selling products or services instead of merely pursuing a hobby. This will bring in a little money to add to the coffers, and it will increase levels of personal satisfaction. However, many will feel so cautious, they will find it difficult to make a large sum this way.

Because people will often be working their jobs or pursuing their careers as well as promoting their own secondary business, many will grow weary of the constant sales pitches they hear at parties and social gatherings.

Real estate investing will continue and people will start flipping houses again. In fact, this year there will be much talk about creating financial security through investing or profiting from real estate investments.

There will not be a lot of good jobs available for young people, but the resourcefulness of the young will surprise and delight us. They will invent and create ways to survive older generations never considered. They will band together and stay connected to their families, building stronger family units which can then weather financial storms together.

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This year when people find they are not receiving what they want in life, it will be directly related to either asking for the wrong things, or not asking at all. People who are disappointed will try to blame leaders (and others), and tempers will flare as a result of miscommunication. Instead, people need to practice active listening and exercise diplomacy to get what they want.

People will be very interested in investments related to what's beneath the earth's surface. Gold and oil will become popular again, along with other metals, gemstones—even the land itself as an investment.

Sheep years are years when people are concerned with the moral qualities and outcomes of their actions. Socially responsible companies will do well, also socially responsible investment funds will increase in value.

Because this is a year when people will tend to procrastinate and hesitate, many will miss investment opportunities while they wait for just the right time to invest. They will be more concerned with the possibility of making a mistake with their investment choices, than with the possibility lots of money will be left on the table for a bolder person to snatch up. Things like automatic savings and dollar-cost-averaging will help people avoid the tendency to procrastinate.



## **Where Are You in the 12-year Cycle?**

In 2015, Year of the Wood Sheep (or Year of the Wood Goat), we are now moving through the second half of the 12-year cycle of the Chinese Zodiac. However, you may not personally be experiencing this particular energy in your own life. Your personal 12-year cycle is based on your birth year.

First let's define the cycle itself. We can compare the 12-year cycle to a single year on a farm in the following manner: three months of the year = three years of the 12-year cycle.

Therefore, three years of the Chinese zodiac would represent the three months of Spring, bringing the farmer the opportunity to plant seeds. The next three-year segment would bring a similar energy as the three months of Summer, where the farmer would be tending the growing plants, weeding the garden, and protecting his fields.

This period would be followed by the three year segment representing the three months of Autumn, i.e., harvest time. This period would be marked by great achievements but also hard work. And the cycle ends with three years of Winter, representing the three months of winter—a time when the farmer rests and finishes up tasks he didn't have time to complete during the other busy months of the year. He eats from his storehouse of food, and plans for the next Spring.

If you are born in the Year of the Sheep, this year marks the beginning of your personal Springtime, which will last for the coming three years. During this period you will want to try lots of new things, meet new people and go to new places. Anything new you do could sprout into real opportunities during this three-year period, and during the three following years.

For Monkeys, you are in your last year of Winter; you have been through a number of really busy years, and it's time to think about what needs to be caught up, what to release or let go of, and what plans you need

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to put in place now in order to make it easier for you to plant new seeds and start new things in 2016.

Roosters are in your second year of Winter; and it's time to take stock of what you have accomplished over the past 10 years. Where are the investments of your time and energy still paying off? It's a good time to think of beginning to let go of what doesn't work, and of how you can accumulate more with less effort.

Dogs are in the first year of Winter. Your storehouse and pantry are as full as they will get. In order to accumulate more, you will have to be clever and find new ways to work to accomplish your goals. This is a time of rest and recuperation. You need to take care of yourself and your body.

Pigs (or Boars) are in their last year of Autumn, and the harvest is under way. Take everything you have learned so far, and tell the world about your skills and what you have to offer. Demand to be paid what you are worth. This is a time when you can accumulate more.

Rats, you are in your second year of Autumn, and the harvest is in full swing. Opportunities abound, but require you to be out in the world to gather them. Think big and connect with people who can help you.

For Ox, your Autumn is beginning and you must adjust to the new work. That said, now is the period when you can easily gather what you want and need.

Tigers, you are in the final year of your three-year Summer. It's time to focus in on the aspects of your life which are really working the way you want them to! Don't put effort into things in your life that are not bringing results. You also want to take steps to gather as many people around you as you can this year, people who will help you with your harvest in the coming three-year period.

For Rabbits, you are in the middle of your Summer. You are seeing the results of efforts you've made over the past few years. There's still time



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to make decisions and point your life in a more fruitful direction. It's good to find ways to protect what's yours, and to weed out anything less desirable.

For Dragons, you are at the beginning of your Summer. There are sprouts everywhere. Many things you have tried seem to have begun yielding results. This is the year you need to be discerning, and try not to be everything to every person.

For Snakes, you are in your last year of Spring. You have planted many new seeds over the past couple of years. Look at what is sprouting and see if you're happy with it. You still have time to try new things, reinvent yourself and make progress on your goals.

Horse, you are entering your second year of Spring. You are creating new options for yourself, but you may not yet see much in the way of results. This is a good time to study and improve your skills. Follow your heart and plant seeds for what you really want to do with your life. The sprouts are coming soon.



## **Celebrating Chinese New Year**

The biggest holiday of the year in China is Chinese New Year. Based on the lunar calendar, Chinese New Year falls on a different day each year—most often on the second New Moon after the Winter Solstice. The Winter Solstice is on December 21, so Chinese New Year is about two months later.

Very occasionally, the Chinese New Year will fall on the third New Moon after the Winter Solstice. We will next experience this in the year 2033. In historic China, emperors were in charge of keeping time and telling the people when important dates would happen. Emperors marked these important dates with festivals.

There's a legend in China, the tale of a “*Nian*”, a fearsome creature with the head of a lion and the body of a bull. Every winter the *Nian* would grow very hungry, and finding nothing to eat, he would come down into the villages to snack on the villagers. But over time, the villagers learned that the *Nian* was afraid of loud noises, fire, and the color red.

One night, the *Nian* was spotted coming down from the mountains, so the villagers lit fires, waved red flags, and made lots of noise by banging gongs and setting off firecrackers. Their village was spared, and to this day, New Year's is celebrated with lots of firecrackers and red banners.

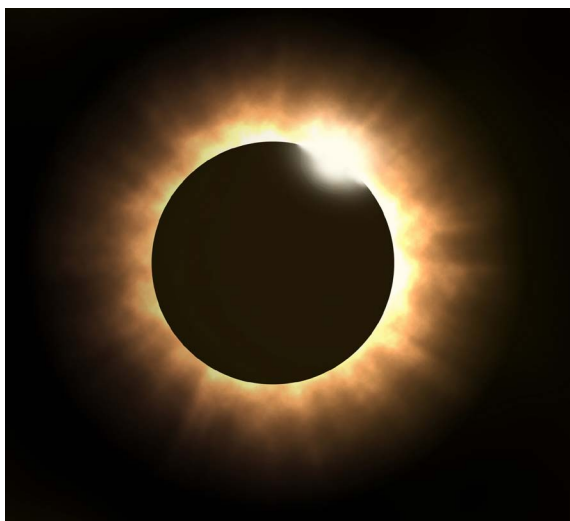
Before New Year there is much to do. The house must be thoroughly cleaned to sweep away any of the remaining bad luck from last year. Lots of special foods are prepared. And the night before New Year, it is considered “lucky” to stay up past midnight—to symbolize enjoying a long life. At midnight the firecrackers start popping.

On the first day of the New Year, everyone wears their best clothes, and everyone says only positive things to one another, in order to secure good luck for everyone. Red envelopes are filled with money and given to children.

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On the second day of the New Year, there is a vegetarian feast, after which people go and visit relatives, bringing them oranges to wish them a prosperous new year. People eat long noodles, the longer the better, as they symbolize a long life. And they indulge in Nian Gao—which is a cake made of rice flour, brown sugar, and oil—to bring prosperity.

This begins a multi-day holiday. At Chinese New Year there is the dance of the Golden Dragon (sometimes called the Lion Dance). This dragon will be decorated with representations of the five elements, lights, silver, and fur. It can take as many as a hundred people to carry the Golden Dragon through the streets. At the end of the route the dragon is met with firecrackers and cheers from the crowds.



## **Eclipses**

Eclipses, both Solar and Lunar, happen four times in 2015. Eclipses signal times of change. Even for those who are unaware of an eclipse, its energy can throw a wrench into your plans. Fortunately, we often

feel the energy of an eclipse up to a couple of weeks prior to the actual event.

It's always a good idea to find an astrologer to offer you some personal advice around the time of an upcoming series of eclipses. Or, if you are able to find a reliable resource for information about the effects of a specific eclipse, you may be able to determine what really does need to change in your life. This gives you a chance to take action.

It makes a difference, believe me! It's as if you have a choice between being hit by a wave, versus being on your surfboard, ready to catch a wave, and ride it all the way to the beach.

Eclipses are noted in most of the daily news websites, so you can see when one is about to happen. But it takes an Astrologer to tell you exactly where the eclipses hit in your chart, so you can be aware of the approaching energy, and keep an eye out for potential surf boards to grab hold of and ride.

During Sheep year, there will be a total Solar eclipse on March 20, 2015; it will be visible in Iceland, Europe, North Africa and Northern Asia. If you live in one of these areas, the effect of the eclipse will be stronger, and individuals can expect a greater change in their lives. This eclipse will be at 29 degrees of Pisces. If you're born between March 15 to March 26, this eclipse will have a strong effect on you.

There will be a partial Lunar eclipse on April 4, 2015. This will be visible in Eastern Australia, Siberia and Alaska. This eclipse is at 14 degrees of Libra, having the strongest effect on the people born between October 3 to October 13.

There will be a partial Solar eclipse on September 13, 2015, visible in South Africa, South India and Antarctica. This eclipse is at 20 degrees of Virgo, and it's strongest effect will be on those born between September 8 through September 18.

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There will be a total Lunar eclipse on September 28, 2015 which will be visible in Western Europe, Western Africa and Eastern North America. This eclipse is at 4 degrees of Aries, and it will bring change, especially to those born between March 20 and March 30.

**Tip:** It's a good idea to consider the challenging areas of your life, and choose to make some changes. For instance, if you have been thinking about changing jobs for a time, it would be a very good idea to get your resume ready. If you've been thinking your landlord is unhappy with you, it's probably a good idea to start looking around for new place. Or, if you've been thinking your relationship is unsatisfying, this may be the right time to sit down and have a chat with your partner (or consider packing your bags).

While eclipses may sound scary, you've actually been through many of them in your life so far. The best course of action is to challenge yourself in whatever area of life you may feel "stuck". For more information on [Eclipses](#), check out Diane Ronngren's book by the same name.

There's been a lot written lately about the "four blood moons". This is a reference to four lunar eclipses falling on either Passover or Sukkot for two years in a row, and some say this is related to prophecies of the "second coming".

There are many biblical references to eclipses but none mentioning the specific meaning of eclipses coinciding with Jewish holidays. Eclipses happen each year and while they mark periods of difficulty, change or growth for people's whose charts are hit, I am not aware whether these eclipses will bring more than that.

## **Mercury Retrograde**

Each element of the five Chinese elements is ruled by a planet. The Chinese elements associated with the planets translate into the Western tradition as follows:

**Wood** is ruled by Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system (named for the Roman king of the gods).

**Fire** is ruled by Mars, the red planet (named for the Roman god of war).

**Earth** is ruled by Saturn (named after the Roman god of agriculture).

**Metal** is ruled by Venus (named for the Roman goddess of prosperity).

**Water** is ruled by Mercury (named after the Roman winged messenger god).

2015 is a Wood year, so the energy of the planet Jupiter will figure prominently. Water is necessary to grow Wood, so Mercury is an important planet this year. Mercury Retrograde times will be especially significant for you this year.

Mercury Retrograde is an astronomical phenomenon that happens three or four times a year, and has a very disruptive effect on those of us living on planet Earth. Things we rely on in our daily lives and work (such as our computers, cell phones, vehicles, email, snail mail, etc.) all seem to go a little haywire during Mercury Retrograde. Specifically, Mercury Retrograde can cause you to need to repeat something.

**During this Sheep year, Mercury Retrograde periods will be:**

January 21 through February 11, 2015

May 18 through June 11, 2015

September 17 through October 9, 2015

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A few weeks before Mercury goes retrograde each time, it's a good idea to back up your computer, and while you're at it, back up your cell phone contacts. If you're planning to have some work done on the car, try to get it finished before Mercury goes retrograde.

In fact, anything you don't want to repeat soon, such as: moving, lawsuits, root canals, elective surgery, expensive repairs, custody battles, break-ups. Well, let's just say you will be better off if you can avoid doing them during the Mercury retrograde period.

It can be a very good idea to avoid purchasing electronics during the retrograde (if you have a choice in the matter), especially ones you can't return. Make copies of important documents before you send them, as they may not reach their destination. If you are issued one traffic ticket, you're likely to get a second ticket during this period, so drive safely.

And if you have to return your cable box, renew your driver's license, or make a doctor's appointment, take a book with you (something long, like one by Tolstoy). It's going to take a while.

During the retrograde, plan and do things you don't mind repeating. Take a vacation—but beware, sometimes Mercury Retrograde can send your luggage to Baltimore (even if you're going somewhere else). However, if you do carry-on, you'll probably be fine.

Visit a spa, have a massage, enjoy a romantic dinner with someone you love, or have a party with good friends. These are all things you might enjoy doing multiple times.

Start exercising. If you drop the program, you are very likely to be inspired to pick it up again at the next retrograde. Or, buy yourself some jewelry or a new pair of shoes, that's something none of us women mind repeating!

For more information on [Mercury Retrograde](#), check out the booklet with the same name by Diane Ronngren.

## **The Five Elements**

Sheep's natural element is Fire. With the power of Sheep energy this year, we will feel the heat. Yet 2015 is a Wood year, and when we combine the energies of Fire and Wood, the result is a roaring bonfire, one which seems to burn on and on and on.

The problem with the Fire and Wood energy combination is that Fire energy will consume all of the Wood energy we can give it. And the flames will merely burn brighter and hotter the more fuel we feed the fire, until all of the fuel has been used up.

In the world of news, the energy of a Fire/Wood year means we can expect to hear, read or see lots of sensationalized stories; happenings and situations will seem over the top. There will be lots of excitement in the air, and we'll find that people rush towards whatever is designated the newest or "hottest" thing.

This can create investment bubbles similar to ones we've seen in the past. And this energy can cause people to commit all of their resources to an idea, jumping in before they've really studied the details.

On the positive side, this will mean more excitement and energy for all of us. We will be able to take decisive action and not get stuck in procrastination. Being perfect is generally not an attribute either Sheep or Goat cultivates. And this year, the more quickly you take action, the more likely you are to succeed—focusing on every detail in an effort to do something perfectly is less likely to lead to success. You will be able to find the resources you need to realize your goals. (At least you will if you move quickly enough!)



Wood and Fire are just two of the elements. The ancient Chinese philosophers looked at the world and categorized all they could see into five elements, five building blocks which are the basis of all things. The five elements and their representations are:

**Wood** – represents growth and things which grow.

**Fire** – represents energy itself, and all of the things that produce energy.

**Earth** – represents stability and things in a state of rest.

**Metal** – represents resources and things which make up the material of tools.

**Water** – symbolizes connectivity, things that help connect one thing to another.

The Year of the Wood Sheep (or Goat) is a combination of Wood and Fire, so this year provides all of us with a combination of the energy we need in order to grow.

Each of the five elements can be either Yin or Yang. Yin represents the more subtle and flowing energy, and Yang represents the more “in-your-face”, direct energy. The Yin/Yang symbol is probably familiar to you. The black part represents Yin and the white part is Yang.

The dot in the opposing color in the Yin/Yang symbol represents the concept, “one cannot exist without the other”. In order to understand the concept of *larger*, we must be familiar with *smaller*. For us to understand the essence of *weaker*, we must know *stronger*.

Each of the five elements exist in a state of Yin or Yang.

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Yang Wood is like a forest of the tallest trees, growing in the wild. Or, energetically, it is expressed in the life of the student who studies all the time. It is like the feeling of being on a new job, where you have to learn everything as quickly as possible (and you're loving every moment of it.)

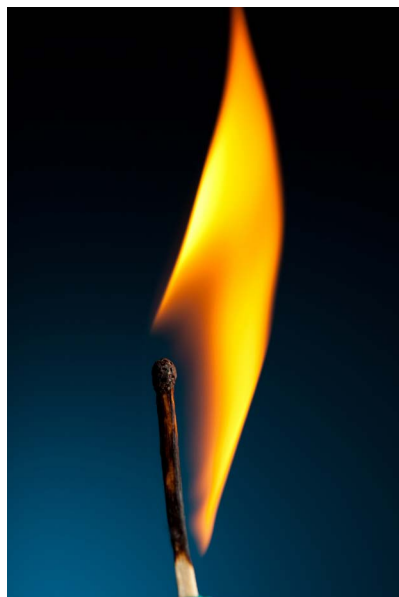


Yin Wood is like a seedling, just popping out of the dirt to see the sun for the first time. It's the realization that you've grown as a person and don't need as much help as you did when you were younger. It's the act of tweaking a favorite recipe with just one new ingredient, to see what it will taste like.



Yang Fire is a forest fire burning out of control. It's like celebrating a college spring break at a beach-side resort, daddy's credit card in hand. Or, it's like driving in a NASCAR race, exhilarating, demanding your entire focus and all your attention, simply to keep from crashing.

Yin Fire is a match, or a single candle. It's the energy of taking a stroll down a beautiful path and having the time to enjoy nature. Or, it's like the energy our body uses to digest food: it happens automatically, without effort or thought.



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Yang Earth is a tall mountain, majestic and still. It's like a lazy retirement, one where you enjoy your time sitting on the porch, day after day, in a comfortable chair. There are no worries about finances. There are no obligations to create stress in your life.



Yin Earth is like sand, flat and smooth. It's like a Sunday afternoon in Summer, nothing pulling at you, your list of chores is completed. You take a restful, peaceful nap.

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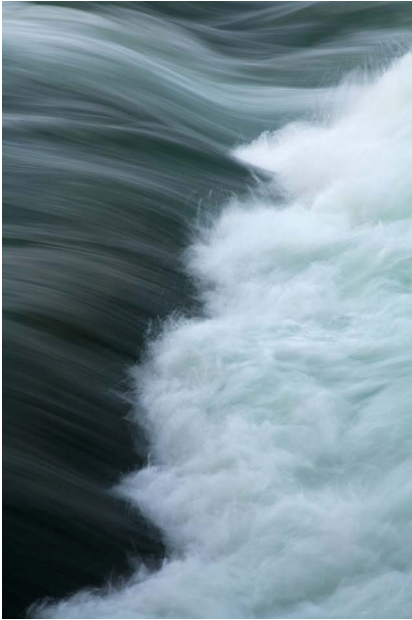


Yang Metal is like gold bars, stacked, and representing greater abundance than you will ever need. It's a world filled with unlimited resources. A Black Visa card. It's like becoming CEO and having all the perks.



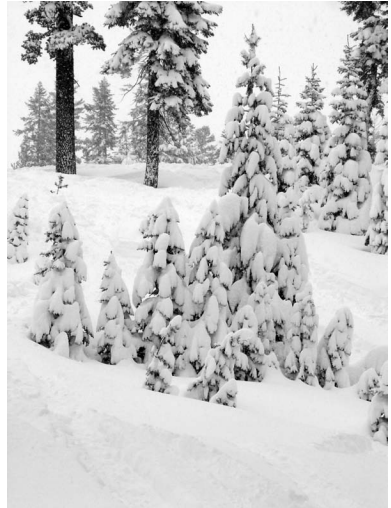
Yin Metal is like a stack of coins. It's receiving a regular paycheck: it arrives as expected, week after week. It's like having just the right amount of cash in your pocket to buy what you want at the store.





Yang Water is a waterfall, pouring down and churning up the water. It's water bursting from a dam and rushing towards the town. Or, it's like melted snow pouring down the mountainside to flood the fields below.

Yin Water is like a still pond on a summer's day, no movement on the surface, it appears to be as still as a sheet of glass in the sunlight. Or, its like a peaceful lake in the quiet of a moonlit night, the reflection of the moon glimmering on the surface. It's a glass of water, the perfect amount to quench your thirst.



The Chinese Zodiac sign of the Sheep (or Goat) has a natural affinity with the element of Yin Fire. It represents the contained energy of a single candle. 2015 is Yin Wood—a small seedling just sprouted.

Yin Fire and Yin Wood are a match, as neither is more abundant than the other. For these energies, Yin Wood feeds Yin Fire, but the fire this year is small like a flame in the fireplace, and the fuel for that fire is small as well; the warmth they create is cozy and comfortable.

This will make for a quiet year. There will be many secret, hidden things, and people will mostly see only what's on the surface. The momentum for growth will slow, and it will take more effort to grow at the pace of the previous year.

This gives us an opportunity to put our concerns in order, to make ready for new, bigger opportunities in 2016. This year is a year to shore up weak areas, to cultivate beneficial habits; to make good connections now with others who can help you in the future.

## **What is Feng Shui and How to Use Cures**

This book is different than most Chinese Astrology books, as this book contains information on Feng Shui cures you can use to help turn bad luck into good luck and make stuck, negative energy start to flow in positive ways.

Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese art of placement. Feng Shui is based on the concept that everything present in our environment affects us: the colors, shapes, symbols, building layout, furniture and décor affect our energy, mood, and decision-making process.

Consider for a moment two buildings which both represent how we connect with money: a casino and a bank. When you walk into a casino your head spins with all there is to see. There are flashing lights in every direction, ringing bells signaling a win, the sounds of coins falling. You can feel the abundance of good fortune and money, money, money.

Looking down at your feet, you'll see the floor is carpeted in a busy, colorful pattern. Look up, and you will see moving lights, curved ceiling soffits guiding us in different directions, and huge rooms filled with aisles of machines, tables, and open chairs inviting us to be seated. There is an overwhelming feeling originating from this décor, it tantalizes: "You'd be a fool not to sit down and try your luck," it tempts us.

Contrast this feeling with the one you have in a bank. The environment here is also a large room, but this room is nearly silent. People speak in lowered voices. A velvet rope guides us to a waiting teller who sits (or stands) behind a marble counter (perhaps even behind a plexiglass shield).

Behind her is a large round door made of shiny metal, a foot and half thick, standing open to reveal a few safe deposit boxes. Even though we know there are no stacks of money in the vault and it's mostly really a prop, the image created by all of it still gives us the impression that our money is safe.

We're all affected by the décor of a place. We may not think so per se, but places that are run down and in need of repairs cause us to feel less hopeful. We are more apt to think it's not worth the effort to try something new.

When we see a neighborhood with flowers and manicured yards we become more optimistic. We feel a sense of possibility, the desire and willingness to take on new projects. When we are faced with a desk topped with clutter, disorganized, it's more likely we'll avoid working on our finances, and instead check out what's on the television (or on Facebook).

A messy kitchen can cause us to gain weight, because it's so much easier to run out quickly and pick up some fast food, or call for pizza delivery. A bedroom filled with old garage sale furniture or family hand-me-downs can cause us to avoid looking for a new relationship.



Thousands of years ago it was found that if you set up a particular environment—often a temple or a palace—in a certain way, the people in these environments would make better decisions. They would become more prosperous and happy. Scholars of the time collected this information and created a system they called Feng Shui. In the West we know this system as well, nowadays we call it Environmental Psychology.

Feng Shui is much more complex than simply cleaning up the clutter in your home or office—though this is what many Westerners think about when they hear the term. Clearing away clutter is almost always a good and beneficial activity to carry out when we want to improve our environment. But it's important to understand that in order to achieve the best effect from our Feng Shui efforts, we can learn to place certain objects in specific places with the intention of creating harmonious change in our lives.

There are many schools of Feng Shui. Different schools emerged at different times and in different areas of China and the Far East. Some schools were formed in mountainous regions and were based on the topography of mountains, rivers and lakes. Some schools were more focused on Astrology and timing, and these practitioners would predict the future and change things around as the seasons changed. Some schools used a compass to measure the quality and quantity of energy from each direction.

All of the schools of Feng Shui are valid. They all work. For our purposes, we're going to focus on a school called *Form School* which has straight-forward principles we can readily apply to a western way of thinking about traditional and environmental practices.

**Your Front Door:** The front door is where all new energy will enter the home and therefore your life. Even if you never use your front door, this is the traditional area of a home where all new energy is welcomed into the lives of the people who reside in the home. (If you found a stranger entering your home through your back door, you'd call the

police). If you invited the CEO of your company to dinner you wouldn't say, "Just go through the garage, squeeze past my car, past my boxes of Christmas decorations and old skiing equipment, until you find the door into the kitchen".

Important people are greeted at the front door and invited to enter a home or place of business. Many deliveries are made to the front door of a home or apartment residence. Using this principle, when we want something new, such as a new job, new love, money from a new source, etc., we will concentrate on the area around the front door (inside and out).

**Your Bedroom:** Your bedroom is where the love happens. If you want to attract a new relationship or you want to improve your existing relationship, then your own bedroom is the area of the home we are going to focus on. We also look at the bedroom when you want to conceive a child, to rest or recover from illness. So, if you have trouble sleeping, or if you are recovering from something, we want to focus our attention on your bedroom.

**The Kitchen:** Your kitchen is your source of health and weight loss. Kitchens tend to be the most powerful rooms of the house. You can confirm this by observing that when you have a party, often your guests want to gather together in the kitchen. Kitchens are where we cook and prepare our food; food is the key to our health and well-being.

**The Living Room:** If you want to attract new friends, but not necessarily an intimate partner, focus on your living room. The living room represents a public area of the home where we can welcome and entertain people without revealing the private areas of the home (like a bedroom). Thus, when we entertain people in our living room, we can enjoy people, yet safeguard the private things in our lives.

**The Family Room:** If you have a separate Family Room, we can focus on this area to enhance family relations overall—both between members of the family who live with you, and those who live elsewhere.

So if your family fights (or is dysfunctional in some other way), or the teenagers are sullen and uncooperative, this is the area your Feng Shui practitioner will focus on. (If you only have a Living Room, then we would focus on that area for family relations.)

**The Home Office:** If you have a separate room where you take care of bills and investments, or if you have a room from which you run your business from home, we focus on this room when we seek to increase prosperity. If you don't have a separate office, then we consider the area where you do pay your bills—whether it be at the kitchen table, in your bedroom, or in the dining room. (Or, we can focus on enhancing the area around your front door for bringing in money.)

**The Dining Room:** If you have a separate dining room, this room affects not only family relations but also your weight, and the weight of all who live in the home. If you are trying to lose (or to gain) weight we will consider this area, even if meals are seldom served in this room.

**The Bathroom:** There are a lot of Feng Shui rules and misinterpretations around the bathroom. The bathroom is an area for health, but it can also be an area which affects the prosperity of all who dwell in the home. When things are not going well in your life, this is the first area we consider.

Other rooms like garages, media rooms, craft rooms, guest bedrooms and more, all have energy linked to what they're used for. In general, they are not as significant as the rooms previously mentioned.

There are, however, some exceptions. If you run a classic car business out of your garage, then the state of your garage will affect your success in your business. If you have a guest who is driving you crazy and won't leave your home, the state of your guest room will affect how your guest is treating you—even how long they'll stay. For tips on these and other more specific situations, contact me for a personal consultation, or see my book, *Feng Shui Form*.

Now that we have examined the energy of the various spaces in a home, let's define the concept of a Feng Shui *cure*. If you've ever experienced acupuncture you know the doctor uses tiny needles, placed in very specific areas of the body to stimulate your body's energy and natural healing ability.

Feng Shui cures are similar to these acupuncture needles—they are intended to stimulate your home's energy and help create benefit, good fortune and natural harmony by working within the environment of your home, in a similar way the special needles are used on the physical body. Cures are objects which represent a certain energy: such as *love* or *money*. For example, a heart-shaped pillow would be a representation, a cure, of love energy. (The heart shape is a universal symbol of love.)

Universal and cultural symbols make the most powerful cures in Feng Shui. This may all sound a little strange, but Feng Shui cures do work, just as the acupuncture needles stimulate specific body energy and facilitate our natural healing ability. If you want to know more about the science behind Feng Shui energy, keep reading; otherwise, you can skip to the next section.

## **Why Feng Shui Works**

It may sound strange to you that placing a gold cat bank in the far left corner of your home would attract money, but it does. The Feng Shui cure is based on two principles. The first is the idea of collective consciousness.

Collective consciousness is basically *a shared idea which creates a unifying force in the world*.

One example might be the number of people who are afraid of spiders. Spiders shouldn't be scary, they're tiny, and they tend to mind their own business. But some people are so afraid of them they are diagnosed as arachnophobic, even when they have not had personal, life-threatening

encounters with spiders. In mankind's past, spiders have been perceived to be dangerous in many cultures. And so today, many, many people have this innate fear.

Likewise, most people in the world have for centuries considered round metal discs to be money. Even currency from a foreign country is still seen as valuable, even when it cannot be spent at the neighborhood store. Many objects not only have a universal meaning, but also evoke an emotion. They are powerful symbols in our collective consciousness.

Besides universal symbols, there are also cultural symbols—symbols which are particular to one culture, but not another. These also can be used very effectively (in fact I have found using symbols from a different culture is particularly effective).

A symbol such as a gold cat bank (a.k.a. Lucky Money Cat), is a popular symbol in Asia and works very well here in the U.S. If you have enjoyed lunch or dinner at a Chinese restaurant recently, you have probably seen one of these symbols next to the cash register, Lucky Money Cat waving his little golden arm, calling in money.

The reason cultural symbols work is there are enough people in the world who understand the symbol and connect to it emotionally, a mini “collective consciousness” is formed.

## **Our Reticular Activating System**

The second reason Feng Shui cures work is our Reticular Activating System. This is a system within each of us, which allows us to filter the information reaching us through our five senses. If we were actually aware of all of the information bombarding us all the time, we would go mad.

For instance, just sitting here at my computer, if I were also listening to the computer hum, and the traffic outside, and the ticking clock, while

watching the sun go down, observing the computer screen, not to mention all the things I'm touching, smelling, and tasting simultaneously, I would be completely overwhelmed. But fortunately, my Reticular Activating System allows me to focus only on the task at hand.

Your own Reticular Activating System activates when you place a Lucky Money Cat somewhere in your space. And when you place your Lucky Money Cat in the far left corner of your home, also known as “the wealth corner”, your subconscious awakens and begins to look for money opportunities.

And when the money opportunity is detected, your RAS-system alerts your brain. These opportunities were around you already, but you were unable to identify them specifically. Therefore, it was impossible for you to grasp them or focus on taking necessary action. But when your Reticular Activating System uncovered the opportunities around you, they became clear to your conscious mind, and now it is easy to welcome in the new money.

Because of these two reasons, Feng Shui cures work. It is important to understand why we use universal or cultural symbols, rather than just any old item/personal symbol. For example, you might tell me that for you the vulture is a symbol of love, because your beloved had a vulture tattoo on his right shoulder.

But this symbol is only a love symbol for you (and this particular relationship). So all the energy behind this symbol must be generated by you alone. If you're interested in focusing on vulture-tattoo-guy then you can fill your house with vultures and it will possibly attract his energy to your door.

Let's say, though, you want to attract a new man—maybe one who is vulture-free. In that case, it will be much easier to attract the new love energy if you choose to use a universal or cultural symbol of love. These symbols are recognized by many other people. When you choose to use one of them, the combined energy of all of these others who

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acknowledge this symbol as a sign of love combines with your own energy to attract what you want.

The peony flower is a cultural symbol of love. In Chinese art this symbol is used to represent love and beauty. So if you choose to use this symbol, your energy combines with that of a couple of billion other people who also use this symbol to attract love. By using the collective consciousness and your Reticular Activating System you can use specific objects to attract wealth, love, and other things you want into your life.

As we talk about the individual predictions for each sign, I will be suggesting specific Feng Shui cures for creating the most positive energy for your year. You can substitute these cultural symbols for universal symbols if you choose. If you have questions about these concepts or substituting cures you can write me at [donna@donnastellhorn.com](mailto:donna@donnastellhorn.com)

# 2015 Flying Star

<p>4—Northwest</p> <p>Romance Star: lucky</p> <p>To have romance and better education and career choices: add the color red and pairs of ducks.</p> <p>To protect against bad investments, divorce or family pressure: add silver or Chinese coins.</p>	<p>8—North</p> <p>Prosperity Star: very lucky</p> <p>To increase happiness, wealth, and family unity: add fire by burning white or gold candles.</p> <p>To balance career energy and have good relations with kids: add earth by placed a clear quartz crystal.</p> <p><small>The Grand Duke lives in South this year and he doesn't like being disturbed. No construction or renovation in this area this year.</small></p>	<p>6—Northeast</p> <p>Heaven Luck Star: lucky</p> <p>To increase success in career, military, science or technology: add large crystals like citrine, amethyst and smoky quartz.</p> <p>To balance energy of health and wealth: add brass vases or bowls.</p>
<p>5—West</p> <p>Misfortune Star: very unlucky</p> <p>To protect from accidents, illness, lawsuits: Remove stone and heavy objects.</p> <p>To balance mental energy and have happier children: place coins.</p>	<p>3—Center</p> <p>Conflict Star: unlucky</p> <p>To correct problems with career, lawsuits or arguments: burn off the excess energy by burning a blue or yellow candle</p> <p>If needing a job or lots of change: add a string or pile of coins.</p>	<p>1—East</p> <p>White Star: very lucky</p> <p>To increase wealth and fame and improve career: add earth by adding granite, marble or citrine.</p> <p>To balance spirituality and thinking: add metal in the form of a music box or Ipod dock.</p>
<p>9—Southwest</p> <p>Future Prosperity Star: lucky</p> <p>To increase achievement and growth: add wood like a green, healthy plants</p> <p>To have good luck: add fire by burning purple or gold candles.</p>	<p>7—South</p> <p>Violent Star: unlucky</p> <p>To decrease bad luck: add water</p> <p>To protect from robbery, legal problems, injury and health issues: burn off excess negative energy by burning black or dark blue candles. Add exterior lighting or keep porch light on.</p>	<p>2—Southeast</p> <p>Illness Star: unlucky</p> <p>To protect from illness and loneliness: reduce the negative energy by adding plants, dried medicinal herbs or pictures of flowers.</p> <p>To balance health, pregnancy and communications: add a six rod metal wind chime.</p>



## **Flying Star for 2015**

Each year the energy changes and “stars” fly into new locations. Some directions which may have indicated positive, lucky energy last year, become weaker and unlucky this year. And some which had vibrated with weak, unlucky energy in the past, have found strength and become more positive for us now.

In other forms of Feng Shui, we may be concerned with the directions of our home, based on the position of the front door, but not with *Flying Star*. With Flying Star we are concerned with compass directions.

The general principle of Flying Star is to increase energy in the directions of good stars, and reduce energy in the direction of bad stars. If you live in a giant mansion and your bedroom is now on a negative star, you can choose a new bedroom to sleep in. But for the rest of us, we use “cures” to mitigate the negative energy, and to increase the positive energy. Here’s the forecast for 2015:

Flying Star 1 – The White Star: Luck finds it’s way to the East of the house with the 1-Star. This is a star whose energy has changed over the last few thousand years. It has become more lucky, although it’s a good idea to keep its history in mind as you increase the energy of this star.

If you find, after placing the cures, things are not going as well as you hoped, switch from increasing the energy (by adding water or metal cures) to reducing the energy (by adding wood cures).

That being said, to increase wealth and fame and improve career, increase the earthy energy by adding granite, marble, or citrine (a gemstone) to your space. To balance spirituality and clear thinking, add metal in the form of a music box, or an iPod/radio.

Flying Star 2 – The Illness Star: A somewhat unlucky star, the 2-Star, flies to the Southeast. I say this star is somewhat unlucky, because years ago in China this was a lucky star for those people working in

government. Therefore, if you have a government job, you can receive some benefit from this star.

But, for the rest of us, this Star can cause health problems, especially digestive and intestinal problems. To protect from illness and loneliness, reduce the effects of the negative energy by adding live plants, bundles of dried medicinal herbs, or pictures of flowers to the Southeast part of your home.

If you are or become pregnant, you can support and protect the pregnancy by adding a six-rod metal wind chime outside of the Southeast part of the house.

Flying Star 3 – The Conflict Star: The somewhat unlucky 3-Star flies to the Center this year. This is the star of quarreling and disputes, but its energy can be directed in a positive way to help you keep a job and pay your bills. It's important to balance the energy of the 3-Star.

If you are having problems with career, lawsuits, or arguments, burn off the excess negative energy by burning a blue or yellow candle in this area once a month on the full moon. If you are in search of a job, need more work, or wish to preserve a source of income, set a small pile of coins (choose an odd number of coins) on a windowsill facing the Center of the space.

Flying Star 4 – The Romance Star: The 4-Star lands in the Northwest this year, and brings with it mixed luck. This star is both associated with positive romance and career opportunities, but it is also known as “The Six Curses”. Like the 1-Star in the East, as you enhance the energy in the Northwest, notice how your luck changes.

If you find that your experiences in the area of romance are not as positive as you would like, add fire (by burning candles or wood in a fireplace) to reduce the 4-Star energy. Also, be cautious about participating in games of speculation, or signing off on risky investments.

To enjoy more romance, add the color red, and pairs of Mandarin ducks as cures. To protect against bad investments, add silver or Chinese coins. And for better education and career choices, add green plants with round-shaped leaves.

Flying Star 5 – The Misfortune Star: Trouble comes as the 5-Star flies to the West this year. This star represents illness, potential disaster, and lack of knowledge. To protect from accidents, illness, and lawsuits, remove stone and heavy objects from the West area of the house.

If heavy objects are attached to the house (such as a stone fireplace), channel some of that energy away from the West of the house by adding objects made of wood, like a wood bowl, wood furniture, or a picture of trees. To balance stressful energy and to have happier children, place pictures of them in metal frames in this area.

Flying Star 6 – The Heaven Luck Star: The 6-Star flies to the Northeast this year, and luck comes with it. To increase success in career, military service, science, or technology add large crystals (over 2 inches) like citrine, amethyst, and smoky quartz to the Northeast part of the home.

To balance energy of health and wealth, add brass vases or bowls. You can place messages and wishes for your family's health and prosperity in the bowls each New Moon.

Flying Star 7 – The Violent Star: The unlucky 7-Star flies to the South this year, and brings the very unlucky energy of robbery, legal troubles, fire, injury, and arguments. To decrease bad luck, add the Water element. Good Water element representations are fountains, fish tanks, pictures of moving water, or decorative objects made of glass.

To protect from robbery, legal problems, injury, and health issues, it is best to 'burn off' excess negative energy by burning black or dark blue candles once a month. And because this is the Violent Star, adding exterior lighting or installing a motion-detector porch light wouldn't hurt.

Flying Star 8 – The Prosperity Star: Luck moves to the North as the 8-Star finds it's home there for the year. This is the area of your home or space to enhance in order to experience increased happiness, wealth, and family unity. Do so by adding representations of fire: for instance, you can place red pillows, or art that depicts a distinct triangular shape; or burn white or gold candles in this part of the home.

To balance career energy and enhance good relations with children and young people, add earth to the 8-Star area by placing clear quartz crystals in the windowsill of a North facing window.

Flying Star 9 – The Future Prosperity Star: Southwest brings us more lucky energy. The very lucky 9-Star flies to the Southwest this year. This is your success area for the year. Try to do things like goal setting, meditating, beginning new projects, or making important contacts by phone from this area of your home or office.

To increase achievement and growth, add wood energy to the space with things like green, healthy plants, pictures of forests and greenery, or add a new wood floor. To increase good luck and good fortune, add fire cures by burning purple or gold candles once a month.

For more information on the cures mentioned in this book, refer to the Feng Shui cure guide at the back of my book, *Feng Shui Form*. In it you will find an 80-page guide to how to use Feng Shui cures.

The Grand Duke (or Tai Sui) lives in the South by Southwest (at the 210th degree) area this year; he doesn't like being disturbed. The Grand Duke is like the king of all the kings. It's said that you cannot confront him, only show him deference and respect.

This year you can plant a tree in the South by Southwest part of your property to show your respect. But beware, you cannot cut down a tree in this direction, or there will be misfortune. Also, be cautious about doing construction or renovation in this area of your home or your property this year, as the process can be plagued with problems, and bring trouble to the household.

## **Find Your Chinese Zodiac Sign**

The annual Chinese Zodiac sign changes each year in January or February. If you were born in January or February of any year, check the date carefully to make sure you find your correct animal sign. Below I've also listed the element and Yin or Yang quality for the year. If you have any difficulty determining your sign, element and Yin or Yang quality, please email me at [donna@donnastellhorn.com](mailto:donna@donnastellhorn.com) with your birth date and I will help you find your sign.

2/20/1920 to 2/7/1921 Yang Metal Monkey  
2/8/1921 to 1/27/1922 Yin Metal Rooster (orCock)  
1/28/1922 to 2/15/1923 Yang Water Dog  
2/16/1923 to 2/4/1924 Yin Water Pig (or Boar)  
2/5/1924 to 1/24/1925 Yang Wood Rat  
1/25/1925 to 2/12/1926 Yin Wood Ox  
2/13/1926 to 2/1/1927 Yang Fire Tiger  
2/2/1927 to 1/22/1928 Yin Fire Rabbit (or Hare)  
1/23/1928 to 2/9/1929 Yang Earth Dragon  
2/10/1929 to 1/29/1930 Yin Earth Snake  
1/30/1930 to 2/16/1931 Yang Metal Horse  
2/17/1931 to 2/5/1932 Yin Metal Sheep (or Goat)  
2/6/1932 to 1/25/1933 Yang Water Monkey  
1/26/1933 to 2/13/1934 Yin Water Rooster (or Cock)  
2/14/1934 to 2/3/1935 Yang Wood Dog  
2/4/1935 to 1/23/1936 Yin Wood Pig (or Boar)  
1/24/1936 to 2/10/1937 Yang Fire Rat  
2/11/1937 to 1/30/1938 Yin Fire Ox  
1/31/1938 to 2/18/1939 Yang Earth Tiger  
2/19/1939 to 2/7/1940 Yin Earth Rabbit (or Hare)  
2/8/1940 to 1/26/1941 Yang Metal Dragon  
1/27/1941 to 2/14/1942 Yin Metal Snake

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2/15/1942 to 2/4/1943 Yang Water Horse  
2/5/1943 to 1/24/1944 Yin Water Sheep (or Goat)  
1/25/1944 to 2/12/1945 Yang Wood Monkey  
2/13/1945 to 2/1/1946 Yin Wood Rooster (or Cock)  
2/2/1946 to 1/21/1947 Yang Fire Dog  
1/22/1947 to 2/9/1948 Yin Fire Pig (or Boar)  
2/10/1948 to 1/28/1949 Yang Earth Rat  
1/29/1949 to 2/16/1950 Yin Earth Ox  
2/17/1950 to 2/5/1951 Yang Metal Tiger  
2/6/1951 to 1/26/1952 Yin Metal Rabbit (or Hare)  
1/27/1952 to 2/13/1953 Yang Water Dragon  
2/14/1953 to 2/2/1954 Yin Water Snake  
2/3/1954 to 1/23/1955 Yang Wood Horse  
1/24/1955 to 2/11/1956 Yin Wood Sheep (or Goat)  
2/12/1956 to 1/30/1957 Yang Fire Monkey  
1/31/1957 to 2/17/1958 Yin Fire Rooster (or Cock)  
2/18/1958 to 2/7/1959 Yang Earth Dog  
2/8/1959 to 1/27/1960 Yin Earth Pig (or Boar)(  
1/28/1960 to 2/14/1961 Yang Metal Rat  
2/15/1961 to 2/4/1962 Yin Metal Ox  
2/5/1962 to 1/24/1963 Yang Water Tiger  
1/25/1963 to 2/12/1964 Yin Water Rabbit (or Hare)  
2/13/1964 to 2/1/1965 Yang Wood Dragon  
2/2/1965 to 1/20/1966 Yin Wood Snake  
1/21/1966 to 2/8/1967 Yang Fire Horse  
2/9/1967 to 1/29/1968 Yin Fire Sheep (or Goat)  
1/30/1968 to 2/16/1969 Yang Earth Monkey  
2/17/1969 to 2/5/1970 Yin Earth Rooster (or Cock)  
2/6/1970 to 1/26/1971 Yang Metal Dog  
1/27/1971 to 2/14/1972 Yin Metal Pig (or Boar)

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2/15/1972 to 2/2/1973 Yang Water Rat  
2/3/1973 to 1/22/1974 Yin Water Ox  
1/23/1974 to 2/10/1975 Yang Wood Tiger  
2/11/1975 to 1/30/1976 Yin Wood Rabbit (or Hare)  
1/31/1976 to 2/17/1977 Yang Fire Dragon  
2/18/1977 to 2/6/1978 Yin Fire Snake  
2/7/1978 to 1/27/1979 Yang Earth Horse  
1/28/1979 to 2/15/1980 Yin Earth Sheep (or Goat)  
2/16/1980 to 2/4/1981 Yang Metal Monkey  
2/5/1981 to 1/24/1982 Yin Metal Rooster (or Cock)  
1/25/1982 to 2/12/1983 Yang Water Dog  
2/13/1983 to 2/1/1984 Yin Water Pig (or Boar)  
2/2/1984 to 2/19/1985 Yang Wood Rat  
2/20/1985 to 2/8/1986 Yin Wood Ox  
2/9/1986 to 1/28/1987 Yang Fire Tiger  
1/29/1987 to 2/16/1988 Yin Fire Rabbit (or Hare)  
2/17/1988 to 2/5/1989 Yang Earth Dragon  
2/6/1989 to 1/26/1990 Yang Earth Snake  
1/27/1990 to 2/14/1991 Yang Metal Horse  
2/15/1991 to 2/3/1992 Yin Metal Sheep (or Goat)  
2/4/1992 to 1/22/1993 Yang Water Monkey  
1/23/1993 to 2/9/1994 Yin Water Rooster (or Cock)  
2/10/1994 to 1/30/1995 Yang Wood Dog  
1/31/1995 to 2/18/1996 Yin Wood Pig (or Boar)  
2/19/1996 to 2/6/1997 Yang Fire Rat  
2/7/1997 to 1/27/1998 Yin Fire Ox  
1/28/1998 to 2/15/1999 Yang Earth Tiger  
2/16/1999 to 2/4/2000 Yin Earth Rabbit (or Hare)  
2/5/2000 to 1/23/2001 Yang Metal Dragon  
1/24/2001 to 2/11/2002 Yin Metal Snake

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2/12/2002 to 1/31/2003 Yang Water Horse  
2/1/2003 to 1/21/2004 Yin Water Sheep (or Goat)  
1/22/2004 to 2/8/2005 Yang Wood Monkey  
2/9/2005 to 1/28/2006 Yin Wood Rooster (or Cock)  
1/29/2006 to 2/17/2007 Yang Fire Dog  
2/18/2007 to 2/6/2008 Yin Fire Pig (or Boar)  
2/7/2008 to 1/25/2009 Yang Earth Rat  
1/26/2009 to 2/13/2010 Yin Earth Ox  
2/14/2010 to 2/2/2011 Yang Metal Tiger  
2/3/2011 to 1/22/2012 Yin Metal Rabbit (or Hare)  
1/23/2012 to 2/09/2013 Yang Water Dragon  
2/10/2013 to 1/30/2014 Yin Water Snake  
1/31/2014 to 2/18/2015 Yang Wood Horse  
2/19/2015 to 2/7/2016 Yin Wood Sheep (or Goat)  
2/8/2016 to 1/27/2017 Yang Fire Monkey  
1/28/2017 to 2/15/2018 Yin Fire Rooster (or Cock)  
2/16/2018 to 2/4/2019 Yang Earth Dog  
2/5/2019 to 1/24/2020 Yin Earth Pig (or Boar)





## **Rat**

January 31, 1900 — February 18, 1901: Yang Metal Rat  
February 18, 1912 — February 5, 1913: Yang Water Rat  
February 5, 1924 — January 24, 1925: Yang Wood Rat  
January 24, 1936 — February 10, 1937: Yang Fire Rat  
February 10, 1948 — January 28, 1949: Yang Earth Rat  
January 28, 1960 — February 14, 1961: Yang Metal Rat  
February 15, 1972 — February 2, 1973: Yang Water Rat  
February 2, 1984 — February 19, 1985: Yang Wood Rat  
February 19, 1996 — February 6, 1997: Yang Fire Rat  
February 7, 2008 — January 25, 2009: Yang Earth Rat

## **Rat Personality**

I am a Rat. It's hard to admit. I really wanted to be one of the cute animals. But after exploring so much about the 12 different Chinese Zodiac signs, I have come to love and appreciate being a Rat.

Rats are very hard working, ambitious, and thrifty. The Rat individual is very focused on getting ahead. They want to achieve things in their life, and they want to get to the top first. They can be seen as tight with

money, but they are generous with those they love. They do love a bargain and are good not only at saving money, but making money as well.

In the traditional stories about the animals who make up the Chinese Zodiac, little Rat ran ahead of the other animals to be named the first of the Chinese Zodiac. This drive to move quickly is indicative of people born under this sign and their desire to get there first and to be noticed.

Rat natives want positive recognition for their work and to be awarded honors for their achievements. That said, they also just love a challenge—so once the award is won, it's easily tossed aside as Rat focuses on taking the next step up the ladder.

Even though Rat may not be the cutest of the Chinese Zodiac menagerie, they are very well liked. They may start out acting in a reserved manner, but become more social when they feel more comfortable in their surroundings (it's perfectly understandable to be cautious when you're a little mouse...). You'll find Rat to be more talkative when topics relating to business and money are involved.

Rat makes a good friend. They may not have a lot of close friends, but those who make it to Rat's inner circle will be looked out for and supported. People born in the year of the Rat will gravitate to other successful people. They have trouble tolerating lazy people, and can't be bothered with anyone who wants a free ride.

It's easy to read a Rat's feelings. When they are upset (and they are easily irritated) they can be critical. They also tend to compare and contrast everything. This helps them identify and locate the best of everything—from bargains to loyal friends. Rats are good at writing and communication. They have excellent memories and are always asking questions.

Rats like to accumulate, although it varies from Rat to Rat what exactly they are accumulating. Some Rats accumulate money, others material things, and still others accumulate social or business contacts. Rat is

adaptable and has good intuition, so they are able to quickly determine whether there will be a benefit in any specific situation.

Because Rat is the smallest of the animals of the Chinese Zodiac, safety and self-preservation are considered paramount. They can sense danger, but Rat finds it hard to heed the warnings if they simultaneously smell opportunity and potential success. Rat needs only to follow their gut and finish what they start in order to end up the wealthiest of any of the signs.

### **Rat: Predictions for 2015**

People born in the year of the Rat are breathing a collective sigh of relief now that the energy is moving towards the relatively more harmonious aspect of Sheep. To make things really happen, however, Rat will need to make adjustments in their regular way of doing things.

When Rat gets “stuck” he or she never appears to be stuck, because Rat is always in motion. But picture a rat on a wheel, running and running round and round, not really getting anywhere. If Rat keeps doing the same things he or she has been doing over and over, it doesn't matter how fast he or she goes, they are never going to make the progress they want.

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. You want to aggressively push forward, right NOW. You are impatient, wanting to see progress. Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and willing it to grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You'll need to remember most results will be achieved by quietly

working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and lose their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.

The natural element of Rat is Water, and this is a Wood year. Water feeds wood. This means you're using your personal energy to support others. You will need to guard against becoming depleted as you try to feed the world. There is always a danger if the smaller tries to support the larger. You will need to find a way to replenish yourself. You must schedule time off, not just vacations, but short periods of time each week to rejuvenate yourself.

It will be helpful to have the energy of water in your environment. Water can provide you with extra energy. This can take the form of fountains or fish tanks, or perhaps you have a pool in your yard? If none of these are viable options, make an effort to visit water—oceans, lakes, and rivers—on a regular basis.

Water, though seemingly soft and yielding, is a very powerful element. Remember, water created the Grand Canyon, carving it into rock, boulders and mountains. During this year you will often overestimate how much you can take on. And more importantly, because of your strong ambition, you sometimes don't discern the best use of your energy. You can squander it on unimportant things.

If you continue in your familiar pattern, you may find your energy depleted, ultimately making you feel tired and uninterested in taking on new projects. The solution lies in staying focused on your goals, and keeping drama and distractions out of your life.

## **Attract New Love**

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This year Rat needs to focus his or her attention on finding a partner. Several opportunities are coming your way, but you won't notice them if you are only focused on work and your own routine. This year you may find love comes from an unexpected source. At first glance you may be skeptical and think, "This is not a match for me!" But then you find the person meets nearly every wish on your list.

That said, if you meet someone early in the year, there could be an upset or even a breakup before the year is even half-way over. Try to be patient and understanding until things smooth out in mid-year.

This year you may experience "love at first sight". While this tends to work out well in the movies, it doesn't always hold up in real life. Sometimes the new beloved has qualities of someone from your past. You may not see these traits right away, as you're focused on feeling the irresistible pull of your new relationship. So exercise caution. Check with your friends to make sure you're not falling for a clone of your ex.

You can use little stuffed animals—especially teddy bears—this year when you want to attract more love into your life. Teddy bears have long been associated with comforting love.

When you're ready to attract love into your life take a sheet of paper and write down the three qualities you want in your mate. Just write three. You may have more on your mind but start with three. A quality would be something like, "shows me kindness", or "insists on paying for dinner", or "asks me how my day went". Do not list vague qualities like, "open-hearted", or "generous", or "loving", because these are too hard to quantify.



Take the sheet, roll it up, and use a ribbon to tie it to the paw (or waist) of a soft teddy bear. Get a second bear and have them sit on your bed or nightstand, either in an embrace or side by side.

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fully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a golden rooster in the West part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

For those born in the Year of the Rat, this year brings challenges for your existing relationships. Things may have been going along smoothly, but now the relationship needs your attention. Suddenly, what was working before is no longer working.

This is a result of the other person changing as much as you have. You may feel unheard, unappreciated or even unloved. And the other person may feel you're no longer interested. You've been too distracted this past year, having worked so hard in 2014. It's time to give your current relationship your attention.

If you and your partner are already having regular arguments about minor issues, then trouble is already here. You need to find the real cause of the arguments. There needs to be a shift in the relationship, otherwise there could be difficulty so great it results in a separation around the middle of the year.

It's possible outside forces are pulling the two of you apart. This is because each person is making a decision independent of the other person's needs and wants. It's vital to discuss important decisions with each other before they have to be made. Even making a small shift will help. Try a little bit of counseling with your partner. Or learn a different way of communicating with your partner, so you can address their feelings, and they can start to recognize yours.



Plant gardenias in your yard this year, or place a pot of gardenias on your balcony or patio. Gardenias have been used for centuries to raise the vibration of a place, to bring more loving feelings and to promote healing energy. Red gardenias add passion, fuchsia (hot pink) will bring excitement and fun, and pale pink brings feelings of peace and rest.

Try to keep the plant healthy during the warm months. If it's too cold for the plant outside, consider displaying a picture of gardenias in your bedroom. This will help boost the relationship energy.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

Don't clean under the bed! According to traditional Feng Shui, in order to attract a pregnancy, I'd suggest that the couple do a deep cleaning under their bed, removing any items stored there. Then I would suggest they leave the space under the bed undisturbed, "Do not clean under the bed, nor put any other items there." However, if a pet goes under the bed or sleeps under the bed, it's actually a positive sign.



This method has been effective for quite a few couples I have worked with.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

## **Family and Kids**

Despite all the relationship challenges, you will experience more harmony at home this year. And it's quite likely that towards the middle and end of the year your household will expand in some way. This could mean you're having a child, or a child is returning home, or perhaps one of your children is getting married and adding to your family that way.

Despite changes things get better at home as the months pass. Around August you may feel an urge to redo the house in some way. (You may even decide that everything you own is ready for the charity pile!)

To make home more harmonious and to create a welcome refuge from the stresses of the world, avoid making big renovations on the house this year. Keep things quiet. However, if moving is on the agenda, it can be a very challenging process. So get lots of help if you're changing residences. As you reduce stress at home, you will be able to focus on opportunities coming your way.

## **Attracting Money**

In some ways you have a lot of affinity to the energy of the Sheep year. During this year the Sheep energy will manifest as intuition about trends and opportunities. You will identify business trends and sense what people are going to be interested in; this gives you a financial edge.

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However, your timing may not be correct. So be careful not to confuse something which will eventually be popular with something you want to invest in now. You will need to enlist the help of friends (people who were not born in the year of the Rat) to help you determine if now is the time to take action on an idea.

Bringing in money is always one of Rat's main concerns for the year. This year you'll spend a lot of time working on new ways of creating financial gain. If you're in business for yourself, you're considering what you can change personally and professionally in order to increase prices on your products or services. Or, if you are employed in a job you like, you are thinking about ways to increase your paycheck. You will be particularly focused on creating income during April and the first half of May.

Your investments are steady, not requiring much attention for most of the year. In fact some of your investments will do better with just a minimum of monitoring. Right at the beginning of 2016 you will need to take a look at them, just before we go into the year of the Monkey.

It is unwise to make risky investments between October and December of 2015, a risky investment could result in a loss in 2016. Only very conventional investments done in a conservative way will pay off.

Money from your business and/or career flows in from the beginning of the year. But check your pay stubs and bank records carefully during January and February of 2015. There may be mistakes which can cost you. Also, watch credit cards for unauthorized charges. This is a good time to look at monitoring services and secure backups. It's also a good time to change your passwords.

Your luck with money increases after July 2015. Possible gambling wins and windfalls can happen. If you win on a roll of the dice, however, pocket the money fast. The casino can take back what she gives you very quickly.

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There is an opportunity to sell something you have done creatively this year, and make a profit. If you create art, sew, write books, or know how to design websites, you can make money using your talent this year. Tell other people what you can do and you will develop a following, easily finding paying customers.



To help attract money this year, consider placing a Lucky Money Frog by your front door. The Lucky Money Frog sits on a pile of coins and has a coin in his mouth. If you place him by your front door he will collect money as a result of the energy that comes in. Place him on the floor by the front door, or on a table nearby. If he's sitting inside the house (most people do place him inside the house) he should be facing the door, like your personal butler. If he's sitting outside the door, his back should be to the door, like your personal bouncer.

## **New Job or Career**

All the shifts and changes you make this year—learning new things and making new contacts—are really paying off. You find people who want to help you up the ladder of success. Even the most difficult bosses find you growing in power and ability and they are interested aligning with you.

Everything is going smoothly—until November. In November there could be a shift or change in your organization. This may result in you having to look for something else very suddenly. It's important to stay alert in October to the shifts and changes your company is making. There is no reason to be caught off guard.

Since this is the year of change and adjustments it's best not to try to stay in the same job if things start to go downhill. That said, a lot of the shifts and changes around your job may simply happen to those around you. This can still affect you—for instance if your spouse loses his or her job—so it's best to stay alert.

If you own your own business, expect things to improve this year. You can find good employees, ones who are loyal and hard-working, to add to your team. You will have the energy and opportunities to expand your market share. Focus on streamlining your operations and you will see your profits increase.



To keep your self pointed in the right direction for your career get a set of arrowheads. Type or write a list of your personal goals for the year, and place the arrowheads on it. Arrowheads can be made of any type of stone, but obsidian would work best this year. Place the arrowheads on the sheet so they point to your most important goals. You can even attach the arrowheads to the paper with tape or glue. (Place the paper where it won't be disturbed, and look at it from time to time during the year).

## **Education**

It's hard to focus your energy on education this year. There is, however, some energy around finishing educational projects around mid-May to June. This could mean you're taking a single course, finishing a dissertation, or teaching a course locally.

Finding money to pay for school this year is a challenge. And it's not wise to incur a lot of debt unless you are very clear about what you want to study.

Consider studying subjects or topics you're interested in rather than following a structured curriculum. Online classes are good idea, or classes connected to some sort of international relations or travel.

## **Legal Matters**

At the very beginning of the year a legal matter may require your attention as you bring it to a conclusion. You may also need to update your will or other end-of-life documents. Otherwise, there is very neutral energy surrounding legal matters this year. This can mean you allow any pending legal matters to languish; they simply don't get your full attention.

If you've been wronged and you need to threaten someone with a lawsuit, or bring someone to court for some reason, pursue the matter with

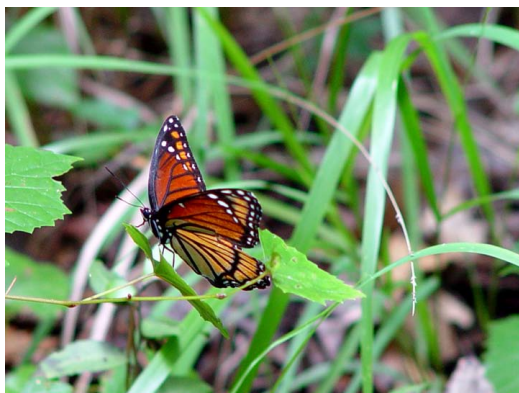
the help of your attorney, and via the mail, rather than deal with the matter on your own. While you don't have a lot of negative energy in this area this year, you don't have a lot of positive energy either.

## **Health and Well-Being**

There's a lot of energy around your health during the first half of the year. This is usually an indication you are enjoying life and perhaps overindulging. You're not feeling any ill effects from this, so go out and have a good time!

Towards the middle of the year it will be time to put your diet and exercise program back on the agenda. If you neglect diet and exercise you may be paying the price towards the holidays. An illness could interrupt a holiday visit and put you in bed. Take care of yourself towards the end of the year and you will sail right through.

Even though you could spend half the year ignoring what you should be doing for your health, there is strong energy around a determination to change your physical appearance through diet and exercise. You're actually receiving positive energy and support in this area of your life this year. It would be great take advantage of it. Consider adopting a healthy eating plan at the beginning of April, and you will enjoy the benefits all year long.



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If you want to make a transformation in your life this year, use the image of a butterfly in your kitchen. This could be a picture of butterflies, stained-glass butterflies hung in the window, or silk butterflies placed in a houseplant. The butterflies can be any color. Dust off the butterflies in April and November to give them extra energy.

One of the reasons for your success this year is an underlying feeling of unrest. You feel a little unsettled this year. The best way to deal with this discomfort is to shift how you do things. You will find it hard to relax at times, which can make sleeping difficult. You toss and turn at night. This stress can be on the feeling you are not safe.

This year it's a good idea to prepare for potential problems. You can derive feelings of safety/security through the act of preparation. Being prepared for any possibility will keep negative energy away from you. Don't let the pantry get to empty. Keep a little cash at home. Have some extra water and a first aid kit. Add a few other items like a flashlight, a whistle, and maybe a solar-powered cell phone charger. These items, gathered together, can give you some peace of mind this year.

This is also a good year to focus on positive thinking. Stop filling your mind with scary pictures by watching the late night news. Instead, read a pleasant book or watch an uplifting video. Yes, there's trouble out in the world, but that doesn't mean you need to dwell on it every night.



For added support, hang a string of bells from a tree in your yard, or hang it on your balcony. Choose sweet sounding bells. And if the bells are brass or gold in color, they will also attract money. You should hang the bells by mid-March to bring the most good fortune and positive energy your way.

### **2015 Action to Take**

If you want to bring in love and financial success into your life, do so by stirring up the energy. The best action to take this year is to visit new places. Stay out of routines, try new things at every opportunity. Choose a day each month and go somewhere brand new. You might visit a new town, or just visit places in your home town you haven't seen before. The more new things you do, the more opportunities will come your way.





## **Ox**

February 19, 1901 — February 7, 1902: Yin Metal Ox

February 6, 1913 — January 25, 1914: Yin Water Ox

January 25, 1925 — February 12, 1926: Yin Wood Ox

February 11, 1937 — January 30, 1938: Yin Fire Ox

January 29, 1949 — February 16, 1950: Yin Earth Ox

February 15, 1961 — February 4, 1962: Yin Metal Ox

February 3, 1973 — January 22, 1974: Yin Water Ox

February 20, 1985 — February 8, 1986: Yin Wood Ox

February 7, 1997 — January 27, 1998: Yin Fire Ox

January 26, 2009 — February 13, 2010: Yin Earth Ox

## **Ox Personality**

Slow and steady, the Ox is always making progress towards success and prosperity. Ox is the hardest working of all the signs of the Chinese Zodiac. Once they accept a task they toil and toil until it's done. They like to finish one thing before starting another. Often, new projects will sit and gather dust while Ox completes any previous obligations—no matter how exciting, or how potentially profitable or beneficial the new project may be.

Those born in the year of the Ox are highly intelligent and resourceful, although these qualities may not be apparent, as the Ox native is often introverted and shy. Well, the truth is they're shy until the need to be otherwise arises—then we will see them stand up in front of a group and take on a leadership role. As an Ox, one of the largest and strongest animals of the Chinese Zodiac, he or she is never intimidated and rarely at a loss for words.

Ox individuals like a routine. They will stick to a certain way of doing things, and may find it extremely difficult to make a change. In some ways this is the key to Ox's success. They use tried and true methods and hard work to create the outcomes they want to manifest.

Ox never jumps in, or relies on "luck" in order to succeed in their endeavors (or worse, simply "wings it"). Their tenacity and dedication to a specific outcome is what brings Ox the most satisfaction and the most success.

Those born in the year of the Ox are patient and understanding with others. They take pride in being a good and loyal friend. On the other hand, they are not particularly good at being a romantic partner; it wouldn't occur to them to fly you off to Paris at a moment's notice, to enjoy a weekend vacation. However, once Ox does fall in love and marries, they are in it for the long haul. They are faithful and prove to be good partners.

Ox, like buffalo, cannot not be stopped once they begin moving. If an Ox person gets angry, expect to be run over. On the other hand, the Ox person can get stuck. They can walk the same path, doing the same things for so long that they wear a rut so deep they can't climb out of it.

This can occur in the course of their career or their daily work, but the same pattern can also show up in their personal or intimate relationships. An Ox can hold onto grievances far longer than any other sign. You can easily identify an unhappy Ox: they work all the time.

Because Ox is so self-disciplined, they expect a similar behavior from other people in their lives. Ox will patiently instruct others, but should someone refuse to listen or pay attention to their good advice, Ox will turn away, head out and never look back.

Ox doesn't believe in shortcuts, not for others and definitely not for themselves. They tend to build things that last, designs that are copied around the world. And everything Ox receives, he or she has earned and no one can say otherwise.

Those born in the year of the Ox do not like to be in debt. They want to settle accounts as soon as possible, preferably never get into debt in the first place! When they receive something as a gift their gratitude overflows. That being said, Ox is also likely to remember an injustice for a very, very long, long, long time.

### **Ox: Predictions for 2015**

The Chinese Zodiac works on a 12-year cycle. The first 6 years are about building and creating, the second 6 are about harvesting and releasing. Now Ox is at the beginning of the second six years, a time of using skills acquired during the first six years.

Most of the time Ox doesn't care what other people think. Ox, the hardest working of old Chinese zodiac signs, just keeps plowing away. Ox sees that a job needs to be done and he sets himself to the task. And whether the job gets easier or harder makes no difference. Ox takes on the responsibility to get it done.

However, this year you must take a different path. Ox tends to like to do the things the same way they've been done before. 2015 challenges you to get out of the rut.

Once in motion an Ox tends to stay in motion. You will make enormous progress this year. That progress can lead to much success. The more often you expand your comfort zone this year, with regard to what

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you're doing, or the people you're meeting, or the actions you're taking, the better your results will be.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of whatever problems and issues show up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle what comes. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, when to watch, and when to act.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on. And you need to trust in this. Even if you arrive late to an event, you find you've made it on time for what's really important. And if you forget something, you find you didn't really need it after all.

Yin is about yielding and understanding some things can be moved more quickly—not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the aikido master who takes his opponents energy and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or think of a tiny seed in the earth, flexible and delicate, yet it can break through the concrete of a sidewalk to find sunlight.

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## **Attract New Love**

Those born in the year of the Ox show possibilities for love and romance early in the year. But there could be difficulties in this part of life after September. Ox may feel finding is love particularly difficult in 2015, but this isn't really the case. Ox's biggest problem when it comes to love this year is being so intent on guarding your free time.

Ox works very hard and you don't often take a lot of time for yourself. The little time you have left, you like to spend relaxing or contemplating the Universe—and this means taking time to look for love is not really on the agenda. So instead of finishing work and going to a party, or finding a “happy hour” at a local bar where you can meet some new people, you head off home and sit down in front of the TV until it's time for bed. This isn't going to bring you the love of your life!

By July your luck has really changed and you can attract love easily. Now it will be important to pay attention when you're out and about. Don't walk through the grocery store on auto-pilot, instead look around and strike up a conversation. Or better still, find a place to go dancing in the evening, or take a hike with a group in the morning. There's a million ways to meet people and this year a special person is looking for you.



During Sheep years Ox needs a little extra help—especially in the area of romance. Basically Ox needs a strong cure so Sheep doesn't steal Ox's energy. Place a figurine or statue of a couple in love in your living room, family room, or bedroom. Place this figurine in a prominent place, so it is easily seen. This will help pull the love energy into your space and your life all year long.

One additional tip, hang a small bag of cardamom seeds from the love figurine. Cardamom has been used in passion/lust potions for centuries. And adding this touch of spice will help bring in new love opportunities.

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### **Enhance Existing Love**

This year your existing love relationship shows more stability, mutual understanding, and steadiness than in previous years. There is more of a feeling you were meant to be together. You finish each others sentences. You trust each other to be there when you need them. You laugh at each others stories even though you've heard them ten times before. Despite the distractions posed by the Sheep year energy, your love grows in your relationship.

However, this doesn't mean this is a year when you can take each other for granted. You must contribute to the relationship by communicating about the difficult things, too. Don't let your pride get in the way of discussing what's bothering you. Talk about what scares you about the future. Talk about what's been painful in the past. You can clear a lot of negative energy just by being open about it.

When there are disagreements it's best to agree to disagree, rather than try to change the other person. Too much stubbornness—and Ox can be really, really, stubborn—will cause problems.

Keep your relationship fresh and strong by doing some new things together. A quick trip up the coast, or a “date night” on the town when you visit a new, exciting restaurant could be just the ticket to add some spice into your routine.

Or if you are inclined to stay home, consider getting together to cook some new recipe you've found. Read a book together and take time to discuss it. You can even pull out a jigsaw puzzle, and put it together

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over drinks at the dining room table. These things will build memories and make your life together happier.

This is a good year to make some friends with other couples. Consider having another couple over for dinner or a game night. A friendship started this year enrich your life for years to come.



To create more harmonious feelings and happier times, spray orange scent in the bedroom. You can also put out potpourri made with dried orange peels or have pictures of orange blossoms in the room. The scent of Orange not only helps relationships, but also attracts prosperity energy (which is certainly always welcome).



## **Looking to Conceive?**

What could be a sweeter fertility symbol than honey? The ancient Egyptians associated honey with love, happy marriage, and fertility. Honey was considered a gift from the divine.

A good tip this year to enhance fertility is to place a jar of honey in your bedroom near the entrance (on a dresser or shelf), and pair it with a silver spoon. Give your partner a taste of honey to set the mood and attract conception energy.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

## **Family and Kids**

For those born in the year of the Ox there could be in addition to the family this year. That doesn't necessarily mean a pregnancy, it could be a new family member by marriage, a child moving back home, or adopting a new pet. The addition is most likely after September.

Your house could expand, too. This could be due to a either renovation project, or a move. Or, you might even acquire a vacation property! Be cautious of large purchases for the home between July and September. Avoid buying non-returnable appliances or furniture during this period.

This is a good year to spend a little family time decorating for the holidays. Your holiday decorations may have spent the last few years gathering cobwebs in the garage or basement, but this year grab the kids, decorate the house inside and out as a family.

Take some pictures while you're setting things up, and some when your home is filled with holiday cheer. Pretty soon kids will be off to college and their own lives, and you'll cherish having pictures of times like this.

## **Attracting Money**

You are quite focused on attracting money this year. In general, money simply flows into your coffers, however, this year there may be some setbacks mid-May to June. You may be forced to give back some money you thought you had secured. To avoid this, monitor your finances carefully during this period.

The good news this year is that despite these setbacks, your overall ability to attract money this year is unimpeded. The challenging Sheep energy will not hurt your finances.

After June money energy increases, you'll feel the urge to pursue financial opportunities. You'll receive lucky tips from more than one person. All of these things can help you in business or in your career. Or, you may simply make the acquaintance of a new person who will open doors for you to what you've been searching for. A book or seminar around this time also inspires you to take an action that leads to wealth opportunities.

On the investment side you show lucky and strong energy at the beginning of the year. This is good—however, at the very end of the year you may make an investment mistake. Be quite cautious with your investments in December 2015, and January 2016. Do not make risky investments at this time, nor should you invest with people you don't know well. This is, however, a good time to pay attention to your tax situation. The additional income you make this year may have some tax consequences.



When you want to attract money in abundance, hang or display a pair of fish by the front door. The fish may be crafted out of fabric, glass or metal. The symbol of the two fish represents the saying, “May you have so much money, you have left-over money!”. In Feng Shui, fish are used to attract wealth because the Chinese word for fish sounds like their word for “abundance”. Displaying a couple of fish this year will help the money flow in effortlessly.

### **New Job or Career**

The situation at work starts out a little rough this year. Are there layoffs going on at your company? Are people moving or being relocated to other parts of the building—or even to different locations? With the challenging year you’re experiencing you could be affected by the changes. It’s best to start off the year with an up-to-date resume and a current profile on LinkedIn! That said, by March you should be in the clear. And from then on your career will move forward pretty steadily.

Even though your career or job is stable, you may not feel a lot of progress. Your energy seems scattered, not focused on work. You’re not entirely happy with the work you’re doing or the people you’re working with. You’re in a rut. You’re wondering if you should change careers entirely. It will be difficult at times this year to find coworkers (or employees) whose work is to your satisfaction. Sometimes you feel you’re carrying an unreasonable workload.

Most of this difficult energy comes to a head in September. You may be tempted to quit, leave it all behind you and start new somewhere else. However, unless you have another job to go to, it is unwise to change jobs in such a difficult year.



The Phoenix is a mythical bird, said to live 100 years. When it's life span is over it bursts into flames and a new Phoenix is born out of the ashes. The symbol of the Phoenix represents living through challenges, surviving adversity, and reinventing yourself as needed. Hang a picture of the Phoenix in your home office. It's also effective to carry a Phoenix charm on your keychain.

### **Education**

If you're already in school it's best to stay there to complete your education. You may find some of the teachers difficult and the courses bor-

ing, but try to stay on this path until you have crossed the finish line and hold your diploma in hand.

If you've been thinking about going to school, this is a good year to start the process. Be cautious, however, about incurring large debt in the name of education. Make sure you're being trained for a profession that will pay you enough to cover the debt you'll carry after you have your education. Choose to study subjects leading to a degree—rather than just taking random courses.

There is energy around an opportunity for you to study abroad or to be connected to a distant educational institution. This represents a very fortuitous opportunity for you. Take the time to consider the opportunity or offer very carefully, study the details and fill out any applications in a timely manner. This is one change you don't want to procrastinate about.

## **Legal Matters**

In difficult years a person can be vulnerable to lawsuits and other legal matters. However, if this comes up for you this year, you can win the lawsuit if you take control of the situation. If you try to avoid dealing with it, or you appear in court unprepared, you will lose.

Don't give your power away—that includes giving it away to your lawyer. Do your own research to make sure that your lawyer is doing what he or she needs to do to protect your interests. Your most vulnerable time for lawsuits is July and early August. If you need to bring suit against someone, avoid doing it these months.

Caution is needed when it comes to signing contracts. Read over the fine print, and don't hesitate to ask for changes. Be ready to walk away from a deal that doesn't give you good terms. This year it's not a good idea to sign long term agreements. You're starting the second half of your cycle, and things will be changing for you over the next few years.

Contracts longer than six years will grow to be really cumbersome in your life.

## **Health and Well-Being**

Overall, your health shows improvement this year. You will have a renewed interest in diet and exercise programs. Even small changes you make will bring positive results. Later in the year it would be wise to monitor your health more closely. Avoid junk food and make an effort to get back into the gym on a regular basis. See your doctor for your annual physical. By paying attention to your body and giving it the care it needs now, you will avoid bigger problems down the road.

You do show some trouble sleeping, and this can continue on and off during year. Try to set and then stay on a sleep routine. Even with a routine you will find your sleep disrupted more often than in the past. Find some creative ideas to help you relax. You may want to use a white noise machine to drown out other noises; you may need to darken your bedroom; you may need to remove the television from the bedroom as excessive electronics can disturb sleep. Avoid buying a new bed in April or September, it will not be comfortable.

You feel well most of the year, but you are susceptible to catching colds from family members. Make sure to take precautions if someone in the household gets the flu. Stock up the medicine cabinet just in case.

Overall, staying positive will have wonderful effects on your health and sense of well-being. Each time you leave your comfort zone this year your health and strength improves.



Historically Jade was considered more valuable than diamonds in Asia. Jade is most commonly found in the colors green and purple. Green jade represents longevity. Jade can be carved into many things, from lucky charms to fine jewelry. Hang a Jade charm in your bedroom to protect your health, or find a Jade pendant to wear. Jade has a protective quality, but it is fragile. If your Jade piece breaks, make sure to replace it.

Those born in the year of the Ox need added support this year. In 2015 the area of personal relationships is the one where we see vulnerability for you. There can be both open enemies—people who smile to your face, yet stab you in the back, as well as thieves hoping to steal from you. And because energy moves toward Sheep this year and away from Ox, you may feel very little support from others in your life this year.

First take practical precautions. Shred documents before throwing them away. Check credit card and bank statements regularly. Change passwords to protect your private information. Be very cautious on



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the internet. Do not immediately respond to unsolicited emails from financial institutions, as these can install malicious software on your computer.

In addition ask yourself about the motivations of people you suspect. Keep your eye on people who seem to have an ulterior motive. This year those born in the Year of the Ox may find they are pursued by lots of professional sales people. These people may profess to be your friend, but in fact they are just trying to sell you something. Hang out with them if you like them and find they interesting, but always keep in mind why they are there.



For additional protection hang bamboo wind chimes outside your home. If you have a front porch, hang the chimes there. Hang your chimes close to the door—but not where the chime will block someone from coming in the door. If you don't have a front porch, you can hang the chimes on the back patio or balcony. Choose a bamboo wind chime; bamboo has a very protective energy.

### **2015 Action to Take**

During a Sheep year, people born in the year of the Ox can feel a little invisible. To gain the support of others, and to connect with or to reach people to help you, make an effort to introduce yourself to new people. Try to say “Hi!” to someone each day, even if it's just waving to a neighbor, stopping in at the local coffee shop, or saying hello to the checker at the market. Each new contact you make builds energy to bring you more opportunities.





## **Tiger**

February 8, 1902 — January 28, 1903: Yang Water Tiger  
January 26, 1914 — February 13, 1915: Yang Wood Tiger  
February 13, 1926 — February 1, 1927: Yang Fire Tiger  
January 31, 1938 — February 18, 1939: Yang Earth Tiger  
February 17, 1950 — February 5, 1951: Yang Metal Tiger  
February 5, 1962 — January 24, 1963: Yang Water Tiger  
January 23, 1974 — February 10, 1975: Yang Wood Tiger  
February 9, 1986 — January 28, 1987: Yang Fire Tiger  
January 28, 1998 — February 15, 1999: Yang Earth Tiger  
February 14, 2010 — February 2, 2011: Yang Metal Tiger

## **Tiger Personality**

There are two ways to think about Tiger. First and most obvious, consider the beautiful beast in its jungle habitat, hiding in the tall grass, patiently waiting for his prey. A herd of antelope come loping into view, pausing at the local waterhole. The Tiger watches and waits until one not too bright antelope wanders away from the herd. Lunchtime!

But that's only one aspect of the Tiger. There is also an impatient side, the "bounce-bounce-bounce energy" we saw in Tigger, the Tiger of Winnie the Pooh fame. This Tiger is the impulsive, leap-before-you-look energy.

Those born during the year of the Tiger have a personality with a combination of these two aspects. They are both patient and impulsive. For instance, they can be very patient when they are stalking something they want. But when they find it, they jump in, completely committing themselves to having it, with no thought to the consequences.

The Tiger is a powerful sign, the second most powerful (and second most popular) of all of the Chinese Zodiac. People born under this sign are rebellious and unpredictable, but they do command our respect. They are ready for anything. Overall, they love life and they want to experience it fully. Sometimes this sits well with the people around them, and sometimes it doesn't.

Those born in the Year of the Tiger are suspicious. They don't trust easily. And when their suspicions are confirmed, they are quick-tempered and will say whatever is on their mind. Be cautious of a Tiger's temper—after all, they have sharp claws.

There is also a gentle side to the Tiger. Tigers are very affectionate, and tend to devote themselves to those they care about. They can hug, snuggle and purr, just like a soft, little kitten.

Tigers are dreamers and artists at heart. At the mere suggestion of it, they are ready to fly off to Bali with you. They will join your band. They will audition when the reality show comes to town looking for contestants. Everything is possible!

Tiger people may spend their whole lives running after exciting adventures, or they may have short periods of rebellion when they quit their job, leave their relationship, and throw caution to the winds. Quietly, the rest of us watch and hope the Tiger succeeds.

Tigers are emotional, their highs are really high and their lows are very low. When the low periods happen Tiger needs a shoulder to cry on. Others will be tempted to offer advice, but Tigers won't listen. As a Tiger you've learned it's better to just stick with who you are, and know that tomorrow is another day.

Tigers can be very charismatic and easily influence others when they put their mind to it. They make compelling speakers, teachers and politicians. Tigers are charming, potential lovers easily fall for their flattery. The passion will burn hot—at least for a while.

But when the initial excitement is over, Tiger can fall out of love just as quickly as they fell into it, and simply drift away. If, on the other hand, the object of their attention starts to drift away from them, Tiger is quickly back on the hunt, eager to renew the chase.

### **Tiger: Predictions for 2015**

In 2015 Tiger runs headlong into the Sheep year expecting things will be the same as last year. They are not. Tiger can get very frustrated with the minimal results he gets from his considerable efforts this year. Things only get better as Tiger adjusts his goals and strategies.

The good news for Tiger is he is still one of the fastest animals of the Chinese Zodiac pantheon. And during a slower year, like a Sheep year, you will be able to outrun and out-think most of your competition. There will be lots of opportunities for the taking. Tiger just need to look at the world and say, "I may not get exactly what I want—but perhaps what I see in front of me will work anyway!"

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. You want to aggressively push forward, right NOW. You are impatient, wanting to see progress. Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and willing it to grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You’ll need to remember that most results will be achieved by quietly working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and lose their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.

Tiger’s natural element is Wood, and the element this year is also Wood. So you are in harmony with this year’s element. You have an innate understanding of the energy of Wood, the desire to grow. Growth can take many forms.

You may be focused on expanding your intellect and knowledge. You might do this through going back to school or studying on your own. You may want to expand your social circle through parties or social networking. This year it’s important to look at what you can expand, what you can grow. The focus of the world will be on growth, and you’re in harmony with that energy.

Your challenge this year is not to grow just for growth’s sake, but to grow in a direction that benefits you. Heading off to school just because you can’t think of anything else to do is not as helpful as a few weeks of focused study on a topic relevant to your career.

Look at this year as an opportunity to grow in a direction which can help you for many many years to come. To accomplish this goal, you must know your destination. Think about what your longer term goals are, and then focus your actions accordingly.

When we think about growth, we also think of expansion—like a tree spreading its branches. Each branch, covered with leaves, reaches out to collect more sunlight. All parts of the tree are important. But if a branch is lost in a storm, the tree survives. In fact sometimes the tree benefits from a pruning. So as you expand one area consider what other areas need to be cut back. This will give you more energy for growth

### **Attract New Love**

While there are many opportunities for Tiger to attract love this year, it will be important for Tiger to recognize the people he or she is attracting may not be all he assumes they are. This is a year of adjustment. Those born in the year of the Tiger may have been stuck in a rut for a few months or a few years. Either way, this is a year to make a shift. A change in the area of love means you may need to toss out your list of must haves, and start looking at people in a new way.

Tiger also needs to take a look at themselves this year. How are you presenting yourself to the world? Are you expecting to find someone new when you're hiding under a ball cap, or worse, hiding at home?

When April arrives get out into the fresh air and smile at the world. You don't need to completely change yourself, but you do need to approach the world in a friendly manner, not with your claws and teeth showing.

This year you will have opportunities to find love—especially later in the year, September and after. Such an opportunity can come from a very unexpected source, so remember to tell lots of people you are looking for love. That said, beware of love at first sight. Your impulsive nature can fall in love quickly, not always a good thing. Make sure the love is returned before you gift this person with your heart.



To increase your opportunities for love, display an orchid in your entryway or living room. The orchid's blossom is considered one of the most romantic flowers. You can choose any color, but the brighter or more interesting the color combination, the more love energy you will attract.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

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Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a green rabbit in the East part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

If you're already in a relationship, you'll be happy to know that things look quite peaceful this year. There's a feeling of harmony as the two of you grow more compatible and more interested in deepening the

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relationship. You'll want to spend a romantic evening or two now and again to spice things up, but overall this is one area of your life that is sailing smoothly.

This would be a good year to renew your vows to one another. Plan a whole ceremony or a small party, and set a date and say the words. Talk about what you mean to each other and what you promise for the future. This will bring positive energy for your relationship this year.

If you're celebrating a big anniversary this year (like one with a zero in it) consider going away together somewhere romantic and fun. Even though you may think you can't take the time or money for such a trip, be inventive and find ways to squeeze it in. It will go a long way to increase the love in your relationship.



This year you can further enhance your relationship by burning copal incense. If you're not familiar with copal, you may have heard of amber—a yellow “stone” used in jewelry. Amber is a hardened, and

much older, piece of copal. When burned, copal has a woody, slightly lemony scent.

You can find natural copal in your local health food market, but note, natural copal must be burned on charcoal. If this sounds too complicated look for copal in the form of stick or cone incense. Burn this in the bedroom when you want to feel a stronger connection to your beloved.

## **Family and Kids**

People born in the Year of the Tiger can find this year a little more challenging than otherwise in the area of family and kids. If you're trying to expand your family through having more kids, you need to really consider every aspect of adding to your family in this way, and make sure everyone is in agreement on the subject.

That said, there is a lot of energy this year supporting an addition to the family, but it is more likely a relative moves in with you (and this may not be a welcome situation). Having an additional person (or more) living in the space can make the house feel very small. So in a situation like this, be sure to establish definite ground rules right from the start, or there will be some hurt feelings before very long.

If you expect to have an adult child move out, there are also some challenges. While they may intend to move out, there are obstacles blocking their plans. It's best to sit down and talk with them about these issues. You may have to adjust your expectations.

There could be many arguments and trouble at home. Tiger won't feel secure enough to bring his grievances to the outside world. If there's no feeling of stability at home, your world may rock like a boat, making you feel uncertain and unsteady.

Tiger will need time to relax and de-stress. This may mean short weekend getaways, or even holing up in a spare room with a couple of seasons of his favorite TV show. Tiger may not feel this is the best



time for a vacation, but it's highly recommended you take one. You will come back a new person.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

Display a peacock feather to increase your fertility energy. In Indian folklore, the peacock dances to attract a mate, and so its feathers are associated with abundance and fertility.

Place your peacock feather on the wall at the head of your bed. You can attach it to the wall or the headboard. Use more than one peacock feather if you really want to make a statement. The more feathers, the more positive energy.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

### **Attracting Money**

Income shows improvement this year and it is one of your top priorities. You're actively using your skills to find monetary opportunities and it's paying off. In fact this year you can open up several streams of income. A Sheep year can prove bountiful for a hungry Tiger. On the other hand, a lazy Tiger will find the money only trickles in.

While the money flows in, your investments need your attention. If you're investing with a broker, you need to take a hard look at this person and see if they are doing the job you expect them to be doing. If you're currently not investing, it's high time to pay attention to this aspect of your life. Start with the basics—does the company you work for offer any perks you aren't taking advantage of because you don't feel you have enough information.

Take a class, study online, don't wait another year to get your investments started. If you've played around with investments and have

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found they haven't paid off in the past, it's time to get some help with this. Ask your friends if they have someone they trust, and make an appointment with the person they recommend.

Your career income is safe for the most part, with some change early in the year. You have an opportunity to garner a raise if you approach the boss with a list of your accomplishments in hand. A bonus is also possible. In April and May, check your paycheck to make sure you're getting paid for all your work. There may be some money owed to you.



This year consider displaying an abacus. This device was used for thousands of years to calculate money and do accounting. Displaying a beautiful abacus helps you attract so much money you'll need help counting it.

Place the abacus in your home office or where you pay bills and work on your finances. You can display it on the wall, or place it on a desk

or table. You can also learn how to use it. People who are adept at using an abacus can calculate sums as quickly as a person with a modern calculator.

### **New Job or Career**

In your work you may be asked to take on more important responsibilities, especially if your company is downsizing your department. You may find yourself having projects added to your already long list of things to do. You are generally resourceful and have high energy, but your efforts will not always be appreciated, and this can leave you feeling very frustrated—especially towards the end of the year.

It will be particularly difficult for you to take time off in November and December. It will be beneficial to your career to really focus on completing tasks and streamlining operations.

If you own your own business you will find you need to divide up your time between immediate opportunities and future money. You would be wise to consult others, perhaps marketing or social media experts, rather than trying to do everything yourself.

Take a little time at the beginning of each month to do some advance planning. After February, an opportunity will open up—one of the biggest you've had in years. You may feel unprepared for this, but you must remember your personality is a powerful combination of courage and charisma. If you can't identify the opportunity by end of March, you need to go hunt it down and drag it home.



If you are looking to change positions, to move up in the company you currently work for, or expand your market share for your business, consider displaying a globe. The globe can be small-paper-weight size, or it can be a larger standing model (though it should be in keeping with your décor, so if a standing globe looks out of place, choose a smaller version). The globe can be any color but should display the continents clearly. Place the globe in view of your front door. Once you have your new job you can move the globe to your family room to help maintain the positive energy.

## **Education**

This year you may feel highly motivated to go back to school. There are lots of opportunities to study this year, and they each feel very compelling. If you'd been working towards your degree, this year you can make good headway. You want to keep yourself informed of new technologies and learn new skills.

That said, you do show a strong desire to find loans to fund your education. If you take out a loan to pay for your continued studies, make sure

you're studying something that will pay off in the future. Otherwise find another way to pay for it. You can find many subjects to study online at little or no cost (without receiving course credit). So, if a subject you want to study doesn't move you forward in your chosen profession, find an inexpensive way to study it.

## **Legal Matters**

Most contracts you enter into this year will go very well. You do need to pay particular attention to contracts created in conjunction with your work or career. However, contracts for real estate, partnerships, or to buy a company will end very beneficially.

There is a short period between July and September where extra caution is needed. In addition, this is difficult time to sue anyone or to become involved in a lawsuit. If you need to bring suit against someone (or some company), try to avoid this period. Lawsuit settlements this year will be very all, or nothing at all. Unless you're very sure, put off a lawsuit until next year.

## **Health and Well-Being**

Health can be a little challenging this year, as the overall energy of the year is so different from your own. You may find yourself feeling lethargic when what you really need to be doing is stretching yourself (and I mean this literally). You start off the year pretty well, exercising and eating right, but as the year progresses you find your good habits disappearing unless you pay particular attention to them.

The driving force behind your focus towards health is your own personal desire to look and feel better. Other people will not be able to motivate you, neither through bribes, nor through nagging. And during periods of generally uncomfortable energy this year, you may find yourself turning toward sweets or junk food.

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Not taking care of your health this year could give you a bad report from your doctor towards the end of the year. To avoid scary health news, stick with a good health program. Sheep (or Goat) years are good years to consider indoor rock climbing, martial arts, any sport that involves jumping, and dance. And Tigers can be good at any of these activities!



To bring good healing energy into your life this year, find a piece of Topaz, either a tumbled stone, or a piece of jewelry designed to include Topaz. Topaz, which comes in many colors (the green is known as peridot), is a stone that has been worn for thousands of years to protect against disease, injury, and negativity. Some ancient texts say it can relieve depression, anger, fear, and disturbed emotions. Wear your Topaz or carry it with you to help bring positive wellness energy to you.

This is one year where Tiger doesn't have to worry about home and family. While we may see lots of crime on TV or read about it in the news is very little that happens to you or people you know. While it's always good to take precautions like locking the front door and having an emergency kit on hand for earthquakes or other natural disasters in general Tiger can sleep easy this year.

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Tiger can also feel confident about the new people you are meeting. Your assessment of others is very accurate this year. If you like someone and feel you can trust them, you can move forward with confidence. But if someone rubs you the wrong way, don't pursue any activities with them. In short, trust yourself.

You may find your confidence in your and your family's safety is shaken a bit around April. A neighbor or someone you know may be involved in an unpleasant incident, or have something stolen. But this is not a sign you're in danger. It's just a reminder to take normal precautions with your possessions, and not to become complacent about personal safety.



The Chi-Lin is a magical creature, a chimera, part horse, part Dragon and with the scales of a fish. Statues of this creature are displayed in the living room or dining room to protect the home and family. Place him up high where he can watch over everyone. The statue need not be large and can be plain or colorful.

## **2015 Action to Take**

This is one of those years that you do best when you are pulled out of your comfort zone. New opportunities can come in if there is space for them, so this year, create some space. At the beginning of the year make every effort to declutter the house, especially closets. Donate or toss at least 100 items. This will create a void, and something new will come in and fill it. That new thing could be the opportunity you have been looking for.





## **Rabbit**

January 29, 1903 — February 15, 1904: Yin Water Rabbit

February 14, 1915 — February 2, 1916: Yin Wood Rabbit

February 2, 1927 — January 22, 1928: Yin Fire Rabbit

February 19, 1939 — February 7, 1940: Yin Earth Rabbit

February 6, 1951 — January 26, 1952: Yin Metal Rabbit

January 25, 1963 — February 12, 1964: Yin Water Rabbit

February 11, 1975 — January 30, 1976: Yin Wood Rabbit

January 29, 1987 — February 16, 1988: Yin Fire Rabbit

February 16, 1999 — February 4, 2000: Yin Earth Rabbit

February 3, 2011 — January 22, 2012: Yin Metal Rabbit

## **Rabbit Personality**

It may surprise many to know I consider Rabbit to be one of the strongest signs of the Chinese Zodiac. Most imagine him as a fluffy bunny, an animal who cannot speak, has no claws, and little short legs to hop away with. But the Rabbit sits between the Chinese Signs of the Tiger and the Dragon in the wheel of the Chinese Zodiac, and he alone keeps these two powerful forces apart.

Rabbit (also called Hare in some translations) serves generally as the sign of kindness and sensitivity. People born under this sign have good manners, common sense, and an ability to soothe and comfort others in any situation. For this reason Rabbit often finds him- or herself in a leadership position.

The Rabbit personality is neither forceful nor rash, and they do have a way of bringing people together. Rabbit is the perfect arbitrator, networker, negotiator, or diplomat. They always have something positive to say about and to everyone.

Because of Rabbit's love of peace, they are sometimes seen as weak, or even self-indulgent. A Rabbit prefers to apply brain over brawn, and will avoid a confrontation whenever possible. They may be perceived to be thin-skinned, but in actuality Rabbit is merely cautious; after all, they don't want to be on anyone's menu. Rabbit can be an extremely valuable friend, as he or she is good at keeping secrets, and offers very sensible advice.

Rabbit people tend to run in the best circles. They enjoy the finer things in life—everything from the best table in the restaurant to the best parking space at the mall. Those born in the Year the Rabbit look for the easy way to do things, and more often than not, this way leads to the best side of town. They tend to be a little flashy at times, which helps them fit in perfectly with their A-list friends.

Rabbit is realistic, yet sympathetic. They will listen to your troubles and while they offer great advice, they never push an agenda. As a parent they are neither the disciplinarian, nor are they given to criticism. They are positive and rarely embarrass their children in public.

In business Rabbit's quiet, unassuming air can cause others to think they are not paying attention. But there's more to Rabbit than meets the eye. Before you know it, you have been encouraged to sign the contract or seal the deal—with Rabbit taking the lion's share of the rewards. In spite of this (and possibly because of Rabbit's impeccable manners),

you come away feeling grateful Rabbit was even willing to do business with you.

### **Rabbit: Predictions for 2015**

Good news for Rabbits! This is a year when you are in harmony with the energy. Rabbit is one of the most sensitive of all of the creatures in the Chinese Zodiac; he or she is able to feel what others are feeling. This is a highly prized ability, especially in Sheep years. Your skills in people-reading and negotiation will give you opportunities for success, and be a real boost for you this year.

Rabbit does need to exercise a little caution this year, as the energy is so harmonious Rabbit could mistake it for Rabbit energy. Sometimes Rabbit's timing will be a little off. You will expect something to happen, but things take a month or two longer than you hoped they would. This is because, despite the similarities, Sheep energy is quite different from your own. Focus on your goals and be patient. What you want has a very good chance of falling into your lap this year.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of whatever problems and issues show up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle whatever comes. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, when to watch, and when to act.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on. And you need to trust in this. Even if you arrive late you find that you've made it on time for the most important part. And if you forget something, you find you didn't really need it after all.

Yin is about yielding and understanding that some things can be moved more quickly, not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the aikido master who takes his opponent's energy and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or think of a tiny seed in the ground, flex-

ible and delicate, yet it can break through the concrete of the sidewalk to find sunlight.

Rabbit's natural element is Wood, and the element of the year is Wood. So you are in harmony with this year's element. You have an innate understanding of the energy of Wood, the desire to grow. Growth can take many forms.

You may be focused on expanding your intellect and knowledge. You might do this through going back to school or studying on your own. You may want to expand your social circle through parties or social networking. This year it's important to look at what you can expand, what you can grow. The focus of the world will be on growth, and you're in harmony with the energy.

Your challenge this year is not to grow just for the sake of growth, but to grow in a direction that benefits you. Think of this year as an opportunity to grow in a direction which will benefit you for many, many years to come. To do this, you must know your destination. Think of what your longer term goals are, and then focus your growth accordingly.

### **Attract New Love**

For those born in the year of the Rabbit, this is a year for love. You will have more opportunities for new love than you have had in a long time. This is a combination of being in harmony with the energies, and getting out of the house more. The most important thing to remind yourself this year is to get out of your own way. If you criticize yourself in your head, you will end up hiding from others, and it will be more difficult for love to penetrate the wall you put up between yourself and others.

Rabbits are generally patient, but this year you likely to see quick results. To find your match quickly, focus on a small aspect of the relationship that you really want. It might be you would love for someone to

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holds the door open for you. You may dream of someone who surprises you by bringing you a meal or making you dinner. Maybe you'd love it if the person in your life puts down their phone and looks into your eyes when you're talking. Decide on that one small thing you really want your new love to do for you, and watch for that.

The positive love energy lasts all year. If you change your mind about who you're dating, someone new will come.

Those born in the year of the Rabbit are very sensitive. You want to make the most of opportunities to meet other people. It's a good idea to attend events, parties, networking meetings. Keep an eye out for people who show you extra kindness or go out of their way to make your experience enjoyable. Pull these people into your life, and they will open up the doors to love.



To attract new love this year, take a silver-toned bowl and place it on your bedside table. Place dried rose petals and other sweet smelling herbs in the bowl. Write a list of your own good qualities, and the ones you hope your new love will bring into the relationship on small pieces

of paper. Roll them up tight into little tubes, placing them in the bowl with the petals and herbs. About once a month, take everything out, dust off the bowl, and put the herbs, rose petals and papers back in. This will re-energize and bring new opportunities to you.

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### **Enhance Existing Love**

If you're in an existing relationship you may not be quite as happy this year as you have been for a while, as you may find your partner is trying to control some of your behaviors (in the worst case scenario, they may be trying to control the entire relationship). After years of peacefully compromising with what the other person wants from you, you suddenly find your needs are not being fully met. It's time to re-balance this relationship.

If you actually are arguing, it will be necessary for you to find out from your partner what the underlining cause of the friction is, from their perspective. Often times peaceful and sentimental Rabbit will do whatever it takes to quell the argument. But now investigating is more important.

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What is your partner truly unhappy about? When do they feel their feelings or emotions are not being acknowledged? By finding out this information you can shift the energy of the relationship and start really communicating with each other. It's very important to do before September or you may become so fed up, you do something drastic.



**Quan Yin**, also spelled Kwan Yin, is known as the “bringer of compassion”. She takes the form of an attractive woman expressing love and kindness. Statues or pictures of her often show her holding a lotus blossom, or pouring water from a gourd. You can place a statue or picture of Quan Yin in your bedroom. If you prefer, you can use a statue of Mother Mary for the same purpose this year.

### **Family and Kids**

While Sheep years are generally very good years for Rabbit, the part of his or her life pertaining to family and children is a little rocky towards the end of this year. For the first nine months or so, things go very smoothly; it’s only towards the end of the year you feel the bumps.

In the beginning you find you are getting together more with your family and having better communications. You have a strong ability to relate to other people, and you often go out of your way to make your family feel very happy and comfortable. However, this year you may actually receive some of that helpfulness in return. Your family is be quite supportive of you this year, so it’s a good idea to discuss your plans and goals with them.

Toward the end of the year you may be overtaken by the idea of renovation for the house—which could make this year quite expensive for you if you’re not careful. Don’t go overboard with renovations which could end up costing you far more than you expect. And be careful of less-than-honest service companies, seeking to sell you “high-end” products at a premium. There can be a lot of problems with renovations carried out towards the end of the year.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

One of the gemstones associated with pregnancy is the geode. A geode is a hollow mineral mass with gemstones (often Amethyst or Citrine)



growing inside the shell. On the outside a geode often looks like an egg, and when it is cracked open, the inside reveals the sparkling gemstones.

Geodes range from a couple of inches in size, to several feet in diameter. When you find a geode you like, place it in your bedroom to enhance pregnancy energy.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

### **Attracting Money**

Money flows your direction this year in greater amounts than it has in some time. When it comes to your finances, you have a sense of prosperity and optimism. This is great! However, you may become used to the increase in income very quickly, and start spending more money. It would be wise instead to the bank the extra amount—or better still, pay down debt.

You'll see many positive developments in relation to projects you've been working on. They begin to put money into your pocket. There are also investment profits, and money owed you is returned as well. You may receive a small windfall very early in the year, completely unexpected money drops into your pockets.

Job income is also quite steady this year, with the possibility of an increase in the middle of the year. You can also receive additional benefits in lieu of income. There will be gifts this year from many sources: free services, gifts of household items, tickets, and other benefits. Practice gratitude this year, and try to resist the desire to overspend.

It's a good idea to review your investment portfolio early in the year. See if the investments you have chosen still feel good to you. Ask yourself if you would add money to these investments now, and if the answer is "No!", consider finding another place for your money. If you haven't been investing, this is a good year to learn how to do it. Put

your money to work for you, and get out of the cycle of just living paycheck to paycheck.



To attract even more income this year, place a Lucky Money Cat in your living room or home office. Place it in the far corner of the room and have him face the door. The Lucky Cat has his hand raised to call in money. Often these little statues are banks. Remember to feed him with coins and keep feeding him until the little bank is full. Then dust him regularly to re-energize him.

### **New Job or Career**

There is some active energy around your job this year. There will be a surprise which could take your career to a whole new level. This could manifest as a promotion, or a job opening in a related company. You could even consider a job opportunity which would move you and your family to another city. And while it may seem very disruptive, you need only make the move for a very good job opportunity.

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Expect some changes in management in your company. Your company may be acquired—not to worry, your job seems secure. When disruption happens, make sure the new management understands how valuable you are to the company. This is not a year you want to be subtle about your talents and accomplishments.

If you own a business you may find your business taking an entirely new direction. This will be based on customer's desires and customer suggestions. By listening to the people who buy from you, your business finds an untapped source of financial success.

Staying nimble and watchful, as Rabbits do, and taking advantage of shifting winds in your profession will bring you success. April is the best month for analyzing and planning new directions for your company.



Bayberry is a very popular scent used in winter and at holidays to attract prosperity energy. This year it would be a good idea to consider using it throughout the year to bring wealth opportunities your way. At the beginning of the year you'll find Bayberry candles, incense and oils on sale. Grab a few extras for use during the summer months.

You can use these at home or in the office. You only need a small amount to increase the money energy. Also, carry a small bit of Bayberry scented potpourri in your briefcase or handbag to bring luck and money.

## **Education**

If you're in school you may find yourself drifting a bit this year. Your interest is waning. You are not as confident you have chosen the right major. In fact, by the end of the school year (between March and June) you may want to simply throw in the towel. And while quitting is probably not the right thing to do, you do need a break. You need time to sit down and evaluate whether you're really pursuing the right path to reach your goals.

This year you may discover the curriculum you are studying was chosen with someone else in mind, your parents, your school counselor, or news reports saying this topic would bring future success. Before you start back to school again in September, it's important to examine your motivations for being there in the first place. Everything you've studied up until this point is useful, now it's time to ask yourself if it's worthwhile to continue.

## **Legal Matters**

There's a lot of energy around you this year when it comes to legal matters. This usually indicates something is going on (you wouldn't need it otherwise). Rabbit natives can have confidence they will be okay in the end.

There may be some legal challenges, or you may need to speak to a lawyer during the first half of the year. In fact it would be wise to have access to a lawyer—either through carrying legal insurance, being connected to a legal service, or through a family friend.

That said, you are quite protected with regard to contracts this year. This means when you're considering signing a contract this year, you can demand changes in the wording to be more beneficial to you. The other people will comply.

It is still important to read any contract carefully. Then if you want something changed, boldly ask for what you want; you'll be surprised how often you get a positive response this year. Avoid signing contracts in March if at all possible, put them off until April and then sign with confidence.

### **Health and Well-Being**

You feel a lot of harmony with the energy this year; this helps your general health and well-being. You are strongly interested in eating well and exercising, and you find both time and motivation to maintain your health regimen. You may find you make it through the year without a single cold. In fact, you may find your health improves so much your doctors congratulate you.

If you've been considering any sort of cosmetic procedure, this is a good year to do that. The best months for these procedures would be April, July and August, November and December.

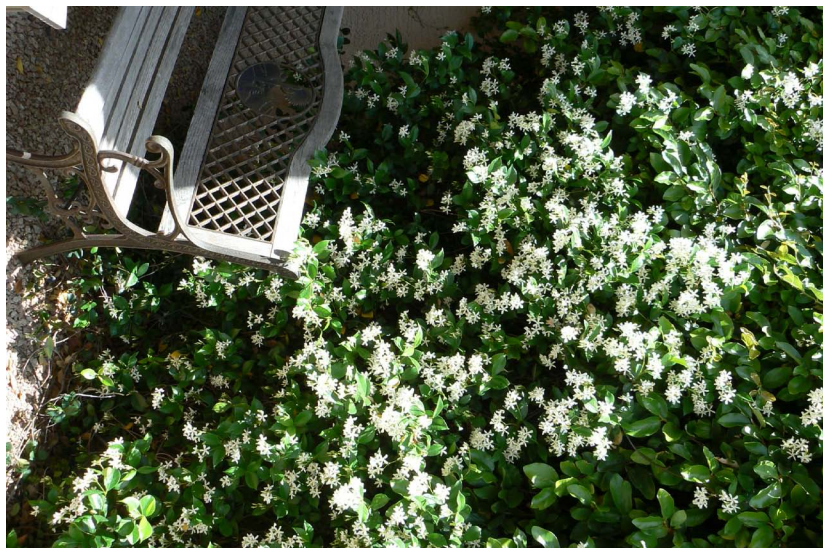
This is also a good year to take up meditation or yoga. Practices like these can help you feel more centered or balanced—and they can help you sleep better. Even just lying down quietly and paying attention to your breathing will help you sleep better and wake more energized.

In the next couple of years you will need to pay more attention to your health. You get a pass this year. But that said, it would be good to get a



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jump on things and treat your body with kindness and respect this year. Then you will already have formed good habits for the future.



Consider adding Jasmine to your front yard, or if this is not possible, place a picture of Jasmine in your bedroom. This pretty, night-blooming flower is said to bring restful sleep and prophetic dreams. In the morning you will feel both rested and have an inkling of what the day will hold.

This year you are wise to be somewhat cautious if a person in your life suddenly has a personality change. While you're having a good year, there will be people in your life who are struggling. And some of these people may act out in less than positive ways. You may find yourself challenged by the shifts in the behaviors of others.

People may gossip about you and talk about personal matters surrounding your family. Or, you may find someone you have known and trusted

is actually being dishonest with you. You are wise to protect yourself by being aware of the people you hang out with.

You are naturally inclined to be understanding, but this may not always be possible. You can be a friend, but if your support is refused, then allow the person to live the life they've chosen. It may be challenging to do this, but the best possible thing you can do for them is to keep your heart open for when they return.

Overall, it's really important for you to not be taken advantage of, not to be walked on this year. You benefit from surrounding yourself with people who continue to respect you and your boundaries.

The energy this year shows you're protected around strangers, but less so around your friends. Stay patient with friends, but if they are involved in destructive behaviors, keep them at arm's length. If they come back to you and make amends, then you can let them back into your life. But, be aware it can take some time for them to find their way back onto a good path.



This year go out and buy a new broom. Brooms have been used for centuries to sweep away trouble. Decorative brooms are most attractive, but a utilitarian broom will work as well. Use your broom to sweep your porch about once a month. Sweep from the front door out towards the street to sweep trouble away from your home.

As you sweep, picture problems being swept away, all the way down the streets, and out into the vast, vast universe to be transformed into something positive. You can even display a small decorative brooms in your entryway. You can find this type of thing in craft shops, especially around Halloween and Thanksgiving.



## **2015 Action to Take**

As this is a lucky year for those born in the year of the Rabbit, it's important to take full advantage of the coming opportunities. Make a list of goals you would like to achieve this year. Your list should be relevant and doable, but still a stretch. Thinking big is a good idea this year.

Then at each Full Moon, pull the list out and review it. The Full Moon is a three-day period each month when we have more "light" to help us see our way. Spend a little time each month reminding yourself about what has happened since the last Full Moon, and think about what is in the process of happening. Acknowledge what you already have manifested, and you will attract even more success.



## **Dragon**

February 16, 1904 — February 3, 1905: Yang Wood Dragon  
February 3, 1916 — January 22, 1917: Yang Fire Dragon  
January 23, 1928 — February 9, 1929: Yang Earth Dragon  
February 8, 1940 — January 26, 1941: Yang Metal Dragon  
January 27, 1952 — February 13, 1953: Yang Water Dragon  
February 13, 1964 — February 1, 1965: Yang Wood Dragon  
January 31, 1976 — February 17, 1977: Yang Fire Dragon  
February 17, 1988 — February 5, 1989: Yang Earth Dragon  
February 5, 2000 — January 23, 2001: Yang Metal Dragon  
January 23, 2012 — February 9, 2013: Yang Water Dragon

## **Dragon Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal—except, we don't have any dragons to study (at least anymore). In the Shuo Wen dictionary (200 A.D.) dragons are, however, listed; so we can read a description of this creature: ...the dragon has “the will and power of transformation, and the gift of rendering itself visible or invisible at pleasure.”

It is said there are three types of Dragon: one, the most powerful, inhabits the sky; the second lives in the ocean; and the third resides in dens (or caves) in the mountains. There are some who say a dragon can shrink to the size of the silk worm, or expand in size, lie down and fill up an entire lake! All of these powers are described as the traits belonging to this creature, the Dragon. This explains why so many people envy those born in the Year of the Dragon.

The Dragon seems not to be of this world, and likewise Dragon natives are seen to exist “above it all”. They have big ideas and the power to make them happen. Even when young in years, Dragon will take on and carry enormous burdens and responsibilities.

Dragon has the ability to tap into a seemingly endless supply of energy, and they are eager to talk about their ideas. The Dragon has the potential to accomplish great things—or to simply fly around in the heavens, never allowing his or her feet to touch the ground.

Despite all of this magical power, people born in the Year the Dragon can have intense tempers (and explosive temper tantrums) when things don't go their way. Sometimes a Dragon is not diplomatic. They would much rather say what they want to say, rather than tell others what those people might want to hear. And when a Dragon breathes fire, everyone in the vicinity gets singed!

It's very important for the Dragon native to have a very clear purpose in life. They must always have a cause to champion, a wrong to right. No matter what Dragon does for a living, he/she will have their pet projects and their dreams. Without these, Dragon becomes listless and depressed.

The Dragon is known to be very skillful in finance and management. Dragon very sensibly looks at long-term investing as a way to protect their assets. They are good at spending money, and are always on the lookout for some new innovation to adopt. Dragons rise to the top of

whatever field they choose. They are often chosen to be the leader, even if they're new to the organization.

Dragons hate to be trapped, to see no options for change. If stuck behind a desk or saddled with a long list of rules, Dragons will revolt. Yet for all their seeming confidence, the Dragon can feel quite insecure on the inside. There is a constant struggle going on there, a struggle between the desire for success, and the fear of success. They're status conscious and don't like to fail, especially in the eyes of others. This causes them to sometimes shoot for small goals, rather than pursue the big dreams.

Dragon is by far the biggest personality of the Chinese zodiac. As the only mythical animal of the twelve, a Dragon can take on many forms. In the tradition of the past, a dragon can manifest as a creature the size of a gigantic cloud formation to one as small as a butterfly. Because of this remarkable ability, Dragon holds the vision for our future in this world; he or she can see where we are heading, and also is aware of where we should be going.

Dragon's confidence is as big as their personality. And they easily motivate everyone around them. They will undertake the biggest adventures, eager to experience wild success—or willing to endure crushing failure. There is no stopping a Dragon once their mind is made up. They will go right to the edge to see if they can make something happen. If things go wrong, well, that's when Dragon truly shines as a leader, the one to lead everyone else out of danger.

Dragons have nothing to hide (Why should they? They have nothing to fear!). Their feelings are always out in the open for everyone to see. Dragons do not keep secrets. And after they share the news, the Dragon will tell you he or she was absolutely right to reveal everything. So, if you keep a Dragon as your confidant, do be aware that whatever you have told them will come out sooner or later.

Dragons are sensitive to the climate. In pleasant weather they are calm and levelheaded, but when a storm comes, they become easily rattled or

irritated. When a storm is on its way, it's time to steer clear of Dragon! And Dragon doesn't mind either way—although he or she is nearly always surrounded by friends, they are perfectly happy spending time alone.

Those born in the Year of the Dragon need a mission, or a life purpose. When their life purpose is clear, Dragon is capable of soaring to heights other animals couldn't even dream of reaching. Dragon is very decisive, once they've chosen a path is very hard to dissuade them from continuing along it.

However, sometimes Dragon is not particularly smart in the realm of business. They don't pick up on the cunning of others. Dragon natives are often unaware of the plots and schemes surrounding them. And Dragon is more concerned about reaching their goal, and not at all willing to play the petty games of others.

The most difficult thing for a Dragon is the stubborn desire to do everything on their own! They never call for help, never ask for support. Dragon is powerful and can even be intimidating; natives have a strong temper and a very fixed idea of the ways things should be. Dragon often speaks without editing, letting people know exactly what they think.

### **Dragon: Predictions for 2015**

For several years now Dragon natives have been planting seeds and finding out what grows from these seeds. If you have planted your seeds without having a clear goal, it's as if you've just been scattering seeds on the ground. And while things are still growing and manifesting, the results have been less significant than they could have been. You have just a few years left to really get your goal list in order, so the results you achieve are worthy of your talents and abilities.

Now, besides planting new seeds (which literally translates into trying new things) it's time to focus on protecting the things growing the way

you want them to grow. Time to do a mental review of all areas of your life: business, personal, and social.

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. You want to aggressively push forward, right NOW. You are impatient, wanting to see progress. Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and willing it to grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You’ll need to remember that most results will be achieved by quietly working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and lose their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be as small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.

Dragon’s natural element is Wood, and the element of the year is Wood. So you are in harmony with this year’s element. You have an innate understanding of the energy of Wood—the desire to grow. Growth can take many forms. You may be focused on expanding your intellect and knowledge. You might do this through going back to school or studying on your own. Or, you may want to expand your social circle through attending or arranging parties, or being active with social networking.

This year it’s important to look at what you can expand, what you can grow. The focus of the world will be on growth, and you are in harmony with that energy.

Your challenge this year is not to grow just for growth’s sake, but to grow in a direction to benefit your personal goals. Running off to

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school just to study whatever you fancy is not as helpful as spending a few weeks focused on studying a topic relevant to your career. See this year as an opportunity to grow in a direction you can benefit from for many, many years to come. To do this you must know your destination. Think of what your longer term goals are, and then focus your growth accordingly.

With the concept of growth, we also consider expansion—like a tree spreading its branches. Each branch, covered with leaves, reaches out to collect more sunlight. All parts of the tree are important. But if a branch is lost in a storm, the tree survives. In fact, sometimes the tree benefits from being pruned. So, as you expand in one area, consider what areas may need to be cut back. Some cutting back will provide you with more energy for growth.

### **Attract New Love**

This is an important year for the high-flying Dragon. While all the other animals tend to stay on the ground, at least the Ram/Sheep/Goat creature in the Chinese zodiac can climb to the top of the mountain, and meet the Dragon half way. That's why 2015 is a good year for Dragon to find new love. The people you attract this year will be interested in pleasing you and helping you achieve your goals. There will be lots of possibilities for romance, and numerous very eligible partners.

Dragon's life is expanding this year, and so unless you're hiding in the basement, or in the back woods somewhere, you will find opportunities for love abound. Now sometimes Dragon has his or her head in the clouds, and can't see what's right in front of them. It's a good idea to remind yourself before you leave the house to be aware of love when it crosses your path.



To enhance your ability to close in on these excellent romantic possibilities, look for the scent of Patchouli in your perfume, aftershave, candle, incense or oil. Patchouli has an earthy scent and has been used in love sachets and baths for centuries. (Some say it even promotes lust and passion.) Before you go out on the town, put a few drops of patchouli oil in your bath or rub some patchouli-scented lotion on your skin. Or, take a red candle, rub a few drops of patchouli oil on it, and light it to help you attract potential partners.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

Peach Blossom luck is traditionally used to attract love—especially for people who want to get married soon. This cure is used by people who are looking for a serious love relationship, not by those who are simply looking for a fling.

Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a golden rooster in the West part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

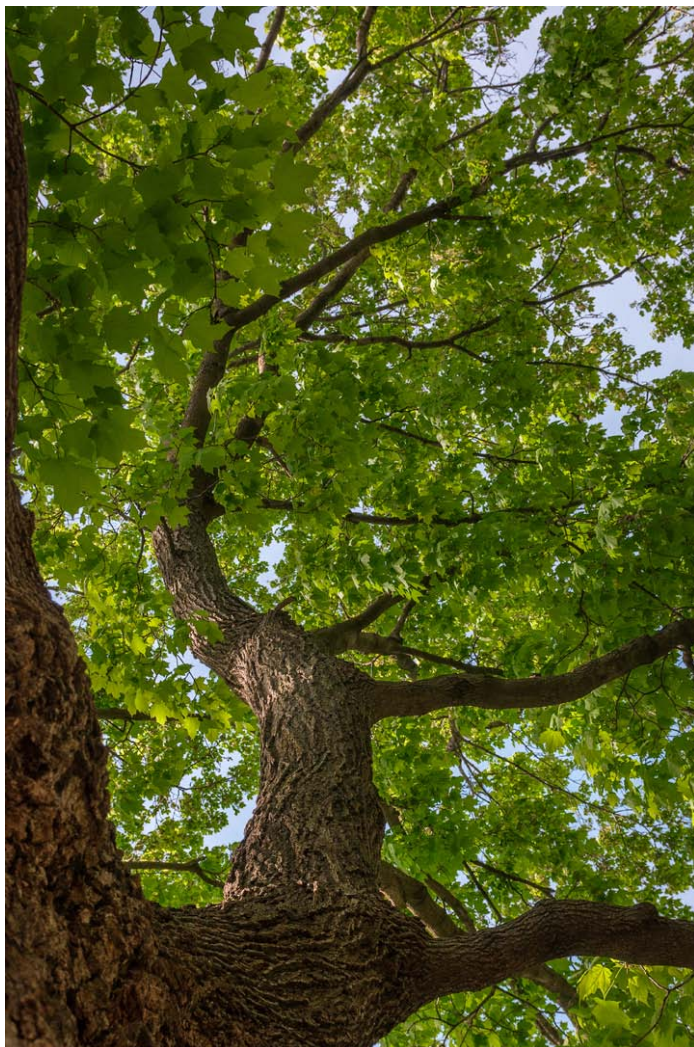
For Dragons who are already in a love relationship, you will enjoy peace and harmony this year. There may be some slight disagreements around housekeeping, and the division of chores in January and February, but by March there is happiness at home, and it lasts the rest of the year.

Most Dragons love parties and you would do well to do some entertaining this year—your home is a wonderful place for friends and family to gather—or choose a venue where you feel comfortable. It can also be fun for you and your partner to attend other people's parties. Sharing



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these fun events will help strengthen your relationship. Go to concerts, music festivals, films and plays, and share time doing activities you both enjoy; it's a good year to have some real fun together. You will enjoy your partner's admiration, and be reminded of the wonderful qualities you fell in love with in the early days of your relationship.



To help your relationship grow even stronger, strong enough to last a lifetime, use the symbol of the oak tree. This symbol can take many forms. You may have an oak in your yard. If so, hang a bell or chime—even a pretty red ribbon—from the tree, to access the energy of strength and longevity for your relationship.

If you don't have an oak tree, or the space to plant a tree, you can still benefit from having acorns or pictures of oak trees in your home. Place a bowl of acorns in the bedroom, or hang a picture of an oak tree where you can see it from the bed. Oak trees naturally bring good luck, they protect from danger and they bring a sense of stability to the home.

### **Family and Kids**

Family and children are highlighted this year, along with lots of energy and activity. Someone may leave the house early in the year, and towards the end of the year, someone else may be moving into the house (it may be the same person—a child heading to school, then moving back home again?). There could be a large family gathering this year, perhaps a family reunion, or a celebration, possibly a marriage. And all of this family activity needs to be memorialized through photos and videos. This will be a good year to fill a scrapbook.

All of the energy swirling around the home may bring you an opportunity to move. If you've been thinking about moving, you could get a good price for your home this year. You would probably have to declutter, and perhaps finish some renovations, but the home could sell quickly. If you do decide to move, try to make the move earlier in the year rather than in November or December of 2015. Make a list of the qualities you want in your new home to help you find it.

Your extended family is highlighted as well. There may be a trip to some distant relatives you haven't seen for a long time. You may also receive a visit from relatives, so get the guest room ready. The house is busy for the whole year; it's the center of activity and fun.

## **Looking to Conceive?**

Find a necklace made of cowry shells. Cowry shells have long been associated with pregnancy, due to the shape of the shell being very like the shape of a uterus. Small cowry shells, usually white, are made into necklaces and bracelets.

You can also find larger cowry shells; these may be striped or spotted brown and white. Place one or more of these larger shells on your bedside table. Cowry shells are not only reputed as fertility cures, but also have been used as currency in some cultures; so the shell will attract good money energy, too.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

## **Attracting Money**

There is a strong improvement in finances during the first half of the year. Money comes in from several sources, and the flow of money seems to be getting better month by month. With the excitement of money flowing in, you may find yourself making some major purchases—possibly a car—during this period. However, just because money is flowing in the first half of the year doesn't mean you shouldn't be conservative. If you can put the majority of the extra money into your savings account, you will be happy all through the year.

Come September there is a bump in the road. There can be a short interruption of income, or a large bill you weren't expecting. Either way, it's a good idea to have a fully-funded emergency stash this year. Shore up your emergency fund and you will be well protected. The September bump can also be a missed opportunity, something right in front of you, but you walking away, leaving money on the table. Be very mindful of any negotiations during the month, and don't sell yourself short.

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This year you seem to be ignoring your investments, perhaps thinking they will grow better on their own. It's best to follow your intuition this year, but it's not wise to completely hand over the reins of your financial future to someone else to manage. No one cares as much about your money as you do. Make sure you check your statements and watch balances. If your intuition says to change investments, it's a good idea to follow that feeling. In March there may be an opportunity for a special investment. If due diligence finds this to be a good idea, then go for it, but don't walk into it blindly.



Adventurine is a gemstone that brings good fortune in financial matters. It's a light green form of quartz, it's translucent and shimmers in the light. You can find inexpensive pieces tumbled into smooth stones. Carry a few stones with you, or place the stones on your desk. If you play the lottery, place the stones where you store your tickets.

## **New Job or Career**

In 2015 your career looks steady and stable. The company you work for may go through some internal changes—such as an upgrade of technology, an office move, or hiring some new personnel—however, your position in the company seems strong. Because of this steadiness it's wise to stay in your current position, unless you have a very solid offer somewhere else. That said, you can consider making a move within the company, so look for openings in other departments if you want a change.

If you're not sure this is the right career for you, and you would like to make a complete change of what you do for a living, it's a good year to start planting those seeds—but not so good for making an all out leap. If you want to start a business, launch it on the side and allow the business to grow as you work on it part-time.

If you already have a business you need to take a look at your day-to-day procedures. Some of the operations need to be streamlined and made more efficient; you may need to write an employee handbook; or more clearly outline employee duties. You may need to outsource some things you've been doing in-house. Overall, your core mission should remain the same. And there shouldn't be too many changes customers are aware of. They like what you're doing, and you will start to attract more customers soon.



Lighting candles is a part of many traditions involving meditation and goal setting. When we light a candle we touch an ancient part of ourselves, the ancestral memory of when we used candles on a daily basis for both light and spiritual reasons. To attract more opportunities in your career, or for attracting more clients and customers to your business, light a purple candle and place it on your desk. Choose a small candle, such as a tea light or votive. If you can't light a candle at work, it's okay to do it at home in your living room. Keep it lit for an hour or so, and then extinguish it. Light it every couple of days until the candle burns itself out.

### **Education**

If you're a Dragon who is going to school, you have never had a stronger inclination to make a change than this year. You may want to change



your major, you may want to change your classes, you may want to change schools or even leave school entirely. The truth is you do need a change. You're starting to realize that even though you've put a lot of time and effort into your education so far, it may not be taking you in the right direction. The good news is you can make a small change now and really adjust your course. Even if you're thinking about making a major change, start with a small change first.

This energy feels the strongest in April, which is a perfect time to be looking at the start of the ext semester in September. If you're thinking about changing majors, try taking one class over the summer in your new major. If you're thinking about changing schools, consider visiting some other colleges in May and June. And if you're thinking about leaving school entirely, try to leave in a way that allows you to come back at some point in the future. Talk to your professors and your counselor about a leave of absence.

### **Legal Matters**

Be cautious this year about getting entangled in legal matters. Your luck is not strong in this area this year. It is extremely important not to be arrested for any traffic violations or drug-related incidents, as this will set you back for years. September and October are particularly difficult in this regard.

If you need to bring someone to court, make sure you have a very strong case and that all the documentation is ready to go. Run things by a lawyer even if you plan to make the case yourself. Or, if possible, wait until 2016 before bringing suit.

### **Health and Well-Being**

You show a lot of enthusiasm and energy about getting yourself in shape this year. The focus you have on good health is very beneficial for you long term. You are taking control of your diet, and you're find-

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ing time to exercise; it's really paying off! If you find you don't have enough time to meet your needs to get healthy and stay healthy this year, you will likely find yourself gaining weight toward the end of the year. Get on the right track as soon as possible—you can begin with short workouts, and eat smaller portions to start.

There's a lot of positive health energy this year. You may hear some serious words from your doctor, or read an article, or hear some news which causes you concern, and which supports your desire to apply your attention to healthy living. It's important to add things into your daily life which can enhance your enjoyment of life. The happier you are, the healthier you will be. Go have fun, watch happy movies, read uplifting books, and spend time with children and pets. You will add years and years to your life.

This can be a stressful year for Dragon. Dragons can often use stress to propel themselves to greatness. You work well under pressure—and this is part of the reason you keep finding yourself under pressure. Think of stress as excitement, and just breathe.





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It's a good idea to clear your space and bring in positive energy. Dragons have a strong psychic sense. You pick up on the energy of your home and office and absorb it. If the energy is positive it energizes you. But negative energy can bring you down.

Get a set of clear-sounding bells, tied together with a string; about once a month, carry these bells throughout the office or the home, and ring them loudly. This will shake up and clear the energy. Do this regularly and you will be energized by all the positivity around you.

Dragons are rarely afraid, and will greatly enjoy their harmony with the energy of this Sheep year; indeed, you have very little to be afraid of now. You can handle everything life throws at you this year. There will be some bumps and the occasional challenge, and a few people you encounter will be irritating, but you take it all in stride. You have nothing to fear and so you can go boldly forward.

As you go out into the world and meet the many people in your life, you can quite clearly see their agendas. You understand their motivations, and you can often find a win-win situation which works for everybody.

Often Dragons are plagued by jealous gossip. But as you fly high into the clouds focusing on your goals, you only hear the winds and none of the words swirling around will have any effect on you this year.



Even though there is no one brave enough to stand against you, a little never hurts. Kuan Kung with his sword is an example of a symbol you can use just to ward off anyone who dares try to take something belonging to you. Or, you can just use Kuan Kung's sword itself. Display the statue of Kuan Kung or his sword in your living room or family room. Dust it off about once a month to keep the energy active. This will help ward off negative energy

### **2015 Action to Take**

If you're born in the year of the Dragon, you have the gift of seeing the big picture—but sometimes you are slower to come up with concrete goals. This is a great year to manifest what you want—but you have to know what it is.

Consider creating a vision board this year. Find pictures of things or situations that appeal to you somehow in magazines, or print them off the Internet. Arrange the pictures you find on a bulletin board. Display the board where you will see it every day—such as in your bedroom or home office. Look at the board at least once a day, and focus on one or another of the pictures. Imagine or visualize yourself enjoying the item or experience. The 30 seconds it takes to do this exercise every morning will be magical for your ability to manifest this year.



## **Snake**

February 4, 1905 — January 24, 1906: Yin Wood Snake  
January 23, 1917 — February 10, 1918: Yin Fire Snake  
February 10, 1929 — January 29, 1930: Yin Earth Snake  
January 27, 1941 — February 14, 1942: Yin Metal Snake  
February 14, 1953 — February 2, 1954: Yin Water Snake  
February 2, 1965 — January 20, 1966: Yin Wood Snake  
February 18, 1977 — February 6, 1978: Yin Fire Snake  
February 6, 1989 — January 26, 1990: Yin Earth Snake  
January 24, 2001 — February 11, 2002: Yin Metal Snake  
February 10, 2013 — January 30, 2014: Yin Water Snake

## **Snake Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal, well, Snake in this instance. At first glance it may seem Snake is at a disadvantage, having no hands or feet. But Snakes use their sense of smell to track their prey. And their sense of smell comes from using their forked tongue to collect airborne particles. You may already be aware your sense of smell is greater than the average person's. This is one of your advantages.

The scales covering a snake's body allow them to grip things tightly and to move swiftly along the ground. These scales are shed off periodically revealing new skin beneath as the snake literally crawls out of his old skin. This means you can reinvent yourself whenever you want. When your life needs to change, you can change it in a big way.

People born in the Year of the Snake rely on their intelligence and wisdom to make their way through the world. They have a very keen intuitive sense about other people. They can attract people very easily and keep them near for as long as they need. Snakes can also enjoy spending time alone when they wish.

Snakes cope well with making major life changes, sometimes it seems they can renew themselves at will. They may change careers or move to a new city, leaving everything behind. They are reborn. Snakes admire power and look to gain power for themselves. When they realize they're stuck in a specific situation, or they feel limited in their choices, they will move on.

Snake is the wisest of the zodiac signs, and can rely on their own judgment. They're very good with money and have a good sense for investments. They have a computer-like brain which never stops calculating. They are extremely tenacious when they want to achieve something. And they never forget a broken promise. Some say the Snake is paranoid, but that doesn't mean people are not plotting against him/her.

While Snake natives always have money in the bank, they are cautious about speculating, and should avoid gambling. If they do gamble, they need to make safe bets.

Snakes are passionate lovers (not necessarily limited to one person). Snakes are loyal but they will wander if they suspect the other person is not completely devoted. When they've been wronged they like to crush their enemies completely. And Snake will strike without warning, although he or she can be patient until the time for revenge is right.

People born in the Year of the Snake keep their feelings a well-guarded secret. They're often seen as detached and cool, but in reality they feel things very deeply. If surrounded by negative people it breaks their concentration and Snake becomes suspicious and wary. But Snake has the power to win people over, and many fall into line with whatever Snakes wishes.

### **Snake: Predictions for 2015**

The opportunities begin to flow with ease this year. The energy of Sheep (or Goat, or Ram) is of climbing a rocky mountain in search of something better. For you, born in the year of the Snake, the rocky landscape fits perfectly into your need to, at times, hide and wait for the right moment. While others are exhausting themselves chasing this shadow or that, you will be quietly waiting to scoop up what you want.

While there will be opportunities all around, it will be important to be watchful because you will need to take some action to get what you want. This will not be a year where someone just comes up to you and hands you the prize. You will need to send in the application, ask the person to dinner, submit the business proposal. But when you do, you will see things fall into place so much more easily than they did last year.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of any problems or issues showing up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle whatever comes. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, when to watch, and when to act.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on, and you need to trust in this ability. Even if you arrive late, you find you've made it on time for the most important part of the event for you. And if you forget something along the way, you find you didn't really need it after all.

Yin is about yielding, and understanding that some things can be moved more quickly, not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the aikido master who takes his opponents energy and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or think of a tiny seed in the ground, flexible and delicate, yet as it grows it can break through the concrete of a sidewalk to find sunlight.

Snake's natural element is Fire, and the element of this year is Wood. Fire needs Wood, it's the fuel that helps fire burn. Fire is about energy and vitality. This year you have access to all the fuel you need. Imagine what you can have, and know that anything can be accomplished when you tap into this unlimited energy.

If you've ever lit a fire, you know almost any wood will burn. Some wood burns clean and bright. Other woods smoke and crackle, and don't make a good fire at all. The challenge with all the benefits you'll be receiving this year is to separate out the good from the bad. You'll have lots of energy and lots of opportunities, however you still want to be efficient. Avoid putting lots of time and energy into something when you can't tell how it will ultimately benefit you. It could be just a complete waster of time. This year is like a buffet, but you need to be choosy—otherwise you'd just end up with a stomach ache.

It will be helpful for you to continually assess your progress throughout the year. Use your assessment to determine whether to put more energy into a project, or to let it progress on its own. Once the fire is started, it can burn on its own. This awareness leaves you free to explore other areas, and you will be able to check back to see the progress others are making on your projects.

### **Attract New Love**

For those born in the year of the Snake, if you want to attract new love in your life this year, you will need to make an effort to be more sociable and outgoing. Connecting with others in the real world (as

opposed to the virtual world) will be the key this year to finding a great relationship. There will be lots of social opportunities, but this year you seem a little tied to home, and more unwilling to go out and meet new people. You will have to overcome this tendency in order to find the love you're looking for.

There are some wonderful romantic possibilities this year. In fact, it's quite easy for you to become connected—okay, let's say entangled—in a very intense love affair. (And let's be honest, Snake loves an intense love affair.) You may find yourself feeling quite obsessed about a person, and it's even more likely the other person will be obsessed with you. It's okay, you can handle it.



You can increase the potential of a happy relationship by not attempting to control each others behavior. Try to keep the relationship light, like a dance of joy, and you will both find real happiness.

To attract the right person into your life use a treasure bowl—which is a bowl made from a natural material such as metal, wood, or stone. Write your top three wishes for your new relationship on a piece of paper. Make

them specific, describe something you could easily see in the other person. For example, “He takes my hand when we’re going down steep stairs.”, or, “When she sees me, she lights up in a smile.”. Then place your descriptions in your treasure bowl and set the bowl on a table or shelf by the front door. This will call the person’s energy to you, attracting qualities you want to find in a partner.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

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Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a red horse in the South part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

This year you seem a little distracted from your current relationship. There are so many other things taking up your attention, both in the context of business and with friendships. The danger is you will not see problems brewing in your partnership. It is also possible your partner is absent for a period of time. Perhaps they are away on military duty, for business, or very busy studying at school. If this is the case you will need to stay in touch using regular communication via phone or Skype in order to keep your relationship strong and healthy.

If your current relationship is important to you, keeping it strong is especially important this year, as your ability to attract new partners is very high in 2015. You could easily be tempted to stray. And be-



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cause your current love shares a home with you, they also share in your energy and will find themselves discovering opportunities for love outside the relationship.

Take time to keep your partner's attention on you this year. Kind, romantic words, a thoughtful gift, or loving gesture will go along way to deepening your current relationship.

The most challenging time for your relationship will be in March. This may bring a period of separation for the two of you, based on circumstances outside of your control. Challenges could come into your home from an outside source, something pulling the two of you apart.

Most couples in trouble argue about money, child-rearing, or whether to bring another child into the family. During the month of March it's very important to listen to your partner and understand where they're coming from, even if you don't agree with them. If you can slow down and really hear them, there's a very good chance they will start to listen to you, too.



For all these reasons you want to add the essence of joy to your current relationship. You can do this by adding floral scents to your home either by having flowers in the house, or lighting candles, using aromatherapy oils, or incense. A nice floral-scented incense like Nag Champa works very well. Or, pick up a bouquet of Jasmine and fill the house with the scent of flowers.

## **Family and Kids**

While there will be some challenges in the relationship with your partner, things at home are generally peaceful. Your children display additional talents and abilities, things you'll be proud of. They may act out a little at times, as they expand their own boundaries and test limitations, but overall things at home look good.

There is some energy around the home this year connected to endings. You could possibly decide that in the next couple of years you plan to sell your current home and move. Or, perhaps you are notified of the need for a transfer at work—perhaps even the kind of transfer which requires you to change cities.

You may also see signs your neighborhood is changing—and not for the better. It would be wise of you to heed the signs, and in 2015 start getting the house ready for a sale in the coming future. This could mean it's time to declutter, finish renovations and repairs, and carry out any other improvements you have planned in order increase the value of the home.

There is also lots of fertility and expansion energy around you this year. And the most natural expression of this energy would be to add a child to the family, or if that's not possible, to bring home a new pet. You can also expand creatively, by delving into a hobby, art or music. Look to share what you do with others by hosting parties, or by displaying your creations in public.

## **Looking to Conceive?**

You don't always have to use Chinese symbols when doing Feng Shui. There are many powerful symbols from every part of our world. Kokopelli is the Native American symbol for fertility. This image of a hunchbacked flute player is found in the form of jewelry, artwork, and pottery.

You may even find blankets or pillows decorated with Kokopelli's image. A good cure for Snakes who want to conceive a child this year is to place the image of Kokopelli on your bed to bring positive fertility energy.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

## **Attracting Money**

There is a lot of intense energy around finances this year. Your financial picture shows the most positive energy when you are doing something you love to do. If you're in a job or career that's not suited to you, this is the year to take steps to change the situation. You don't have to make an abrupt change, but start planting seeds now so in the course of the next few years you can slide into a position or occupation more suited to your talents and passions.

Money will flow in quite well during the first two-thirds of the year. This will give you a sense of confidence: you know what you're doing in your job and with your investments. But it's not the best thing to be too confident this year. Starting in September and through the end of the year, the positive energy can be upset by unexpected bills or difficulties concerning an investment (including rental property).

You will need to review bank statements and credit card statements carefully during this period to make sure fraud and theft are not go-

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ing on around you. Consider an identity service, and invest in a good shredder.

Make an assessment of your investments, to see if they are still working for you. You may be tempted to make a sudden change and jump from one brokerage firm to another, or from one investment vehicle to another. But it's best to take the time to consider what you're doing before leaping. Friends will bring news of an investment opportunity. Do your due diligence. It will help you keep this friendship, and protect your money at the same time.

Your career income stays stable throughout the year, but increases and bonuses seem minimal. Make a list of your contributions to your job and be ready to present them to your boss during your annual review.

In January 2016 we see things brighten up again. You'll look back on the last three months of 2015 and see how becoming more aware of your finances has benefited you. Your money is flowing again and you now can more clearly focus on your goals.



To stimulate monetary flow this year, add a picture of moving water to your home office or entryway. Position the picture so the water seems to be flowing into the house. The picture can be large or small, it can be a photo or a painting, and it can be of the ocean, a river, or a waterfall.

### **New Job or Career**

Your career is humming along. You go to work each day, you finish out each week, you pick up your paycheck, and then you do it all over again. There doesn't seem to be too many surprises. On the other hand, there aren't too many opportunities either. This year there are few opportunities in your field where your expertise is in demand. And there are not many opportunities to transfer within the company. In some ways things feel stable, in other ways your career feels stuck.

Work becomes quite busy in May and June. It would be best to not schedule a vacation during this period. There could be some problem, causing you to work overtime. Other people in your department may be absent and you may have to pick up the slack. This is also a time when you need to avoid gossip and speak only positive things about your company. During May and June people are listening, so saying something negative can come back to bite you later.



As you look ahead in your career, your vision of the future may not be clear. You may be uncertain about what your long-term goals are. To see a clear way forward, obtain a picture of an eagle and place it in your entryway or home office. The Eagle's amazing ability to see great distances, to see his prey while he sails far above it, will bring the energy into your life to create a vision about your vocational future.

## **Education**

Education is highlighted this year. There are many opportunities for you to continue studying, go back to school, start a new educational project, or obtain your degree. If you've been thinking about studying, or need to finish up some courses to finish your degree, this is the year to do it. You may also be surprised to find you can receive some money or assistance for your studies. Even if you've been turned down in the past, contact funding sources again and see if you can't actually receive financial support to help you reach your education goals.

The best things you can study this year are connected to your vocation or, no matter what your career, consider adding to your technical skills. Learning popular pieces of software, social media, or any programming language will help you in the future. You can also study things like writing, communication, and public speaking, etc. Towards the end of the year you may feel a little exhausted with all the studying, but it is going to pay off. Stick with it, you'll be happy you did.

## **Legal Matters**

This year you are generally lucky in legal matters. You will have opportunities to sign new contracts which are of benefit to you in the future. They may be something to do with investments, rental properties, or job opportunities. You can also consider doing things like acquiring a patent, trademark, and/or incorporating your business. Most of these things are best done in the beginning of the year. Late in the year, dur-

ing November and December of 2015, will be the most difficult time to try to complete these tasks.

If you need to bring litigation against someone, save it for the end of the year. Between September and January (2016) you will have the most likelihood of winning your case, especially if you stay personally involved in the entire process. Make sure you read the documents, check for signatures, ask your lawyer many, many questions. Don't just hand this over to someone else to handle. The more you assert yourself, the more likely you are to win.

### **Health and Well-Being**

Your health looks very good this year. You are recovering from past illnesses or injuries, and your body is getting stronger and healthier. Your cells are healing themselves. You show renewed interest in diet and exercise, especially in January and February. Take this opportunity to practice some good habits; these can last you the entire year.

If, at the beginning of the year, you find you don't have the time or energy to form good habits, don't despair. This is overall a good health year, so just get back on track when you can, and things will be fine. Take steps like joining a gym, booking a few sessions with a personal trainer, or working out with a buddy.

In the second half of the year, the energy shows improved sleep, but with lots of dreams. You may be receiving messages from your subconscious, or from spirit. Keep a notebook by your bed and when you wake, jot down the images and thoughts you remember.

From July to September you may find yourself considering some sort of surgical procedure—more cosmetic than ordered by a doctor. This is a good year to check into this type of surgery. That said, avoid surgery on the full moon of any month, as it can cause excessive bleeding.





To lift up your energy and make you more enthusiastic about taking care of yourself, hang a flag (or a string of flags) outside your front door, inside your entryway, or out on your balcony. Choose brightly colored flags. As the flag moves in the breeze, it attracts positive energy. You can change out the flag to re-energize, or shake it out about once a month.

A lot of energy surrounds those born in the year of the Snake this year. This could mean—in case of natural disasters (or man-made ones) this year—your neighbors may suffer more damage or problems than you do. This is not a license to be cavalier about protecting your home and family, but it's nice to know you have a little extra from the universe.

You need to protect yourself around people you don't know well. Between July and September there is a small possibility of being duped by a stranger. For example, you might buy something that really isn't worth the money, and find you can't return it. Avoid making a large purchase between July and September. Or, consider using a credit card if you do need to purchase something more expensive, like an appliance. Usually a purchase made on a credit card enjoys the most return options.



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As you attend social activities and meet more people this year, you will find many people you like. You're normally much more skeptical than you are now, watchful and wary of the motivations of others. But this year you seem to take people at face value, and not question what their motivations are. You see the world through rose-colored glasses. Let this serve as a reminder to you: you are very talented at reading people—when in doubt, be skeptical—it is, after all, one of your gifts.

Around late March or early April a good friend will have a personal issue and will come to you for help. They may ask you for money, a place to stay, or they may ask you to lie for them. Weigh your options carefully. Make it clear, at least yourself, what you're willing to do and what you are unwilling to give. Don't just say "Yes," without thinking it through.



Coral, the beautiful, hard stony substance formed from certain marine animals, symbolizes growth and protection. It comes in a variety of colors and shapes, and it displays beautifully on tables. Place a piece of coral in your dining room or family room. Place it on a shelf or table where can be seen. From this place it brings energy to the whole house.

### **2015 Action to Take**

You want to attract the most opportunities possible this year, and in Feng Shui we do this by creating attractive curb appeal. Survey the outside of your house—whether it's a front yard, or a small length of hallway in front of your door. Try to make this area as attractive as possible. Remove dead plants, fix broken steps or railings, paint your front door if you can, or at least give it a good dusting. You can also use lawn art to attract energy. Choose bright colors or moving objects because they attract the most energy.



## **Horse**

January 25, 1906 — February 12, 1907: Yang Fire Horse  
February 11, 1918 — January 31, 1919: Yang Earth Horse  
January 30, 1930 — February 16, 1931: Yang Metal Horse  
February 15, 1942 — February 4, 1943: Yang Water Horse  
February 3, 1954 — January 23, 1955: Yang Wood Horse  
January 21, 1966 — February 8, 1967: Yang Fire Horse  
February 7, 1978 — January 27, 1979: Yang Earth Horse  
January 27, 1990 — February 14, 1991: Yang Metal Horse  
February 12, 2002 — January 31, 2003: Yang Water Horse  
January 31, 2014 — February 18, 2015: Yang Wood Horse

## **Horse Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal. There are many traditions and stories about horses in our culture. Humans began to domesticate horses around 3000 B.C., so many cultures have traditions and stories about horses, which help us identify specific traits and behaviors of these wonderful animals.

Horses are extremely sensitive creatures, they can sense danger and know how to flee. They are able to sleep standing up, giving them the ability to start running at a moment's notice. Even baby horses, foals, can run very shortly after birth. Horses have enormous endurance, and are highly intelligent.

Those born in the Year of the Horse are highly sensitive to the moods and motivations of others. They are quick to take offense and can explode with anger. But once Horse feel safe again, he/she quickly forgets their rage. Horses like to move things forward, sometimes rushing others. And they become impatient when results manifest too slowly.

They like things done their way. While they believe in the pursuit of happiness for everyone, their way is the best way, and they will become aggressive if you try to block them, or pull them off their chosen direction.

Horse is great at business—especially from the perspective of sales and promotion. They are sociable beings, eager to connect people together for the benefit of all. However, they're not good at sticking to a schedule, nor do they like adhering to procedures. The more stimulating the job, the better! Once involved in their tasks, Horse would much prefer to keep working on a project until it's done, and then take time off to go play.

Horse natives are better at short-term projects; they may not have the staying power to tackle long processes. Goals should be broken down into quick steps. Horses are great at solving problems and they love to get things done, no endless projects, please! Horses are curious and enthusiastically interested, or they're not interested at all. Once they lose interest, they're out the door. (This goes for love as well as business.)

Horses need both mental and physical exercise. They are graceful and elegant in their movements (and in their decision-making). They can be defiant nonconformists. When you try to put them in a box, they become a hot-tempered and headstrong.

Their biggest problem is their lack of focus and their readiness to jump to another project when something seems to be moving too slowly with the one they are working on. They'll abandon the original goal, and then wonder why they're not making much progress.

Horse natives excel at making money. They make strong leaders who allow people the freedom to work on their own thing. They can be extremely generous with their time and energy, but if Horse doesn't like what you're saying (or doing), he won't think twice about trampling you.

### **Horse: Predictions for 2015**

As you enter the second year of your 12-year cycle you will almost instantly feel the pressure and stress of the past year melt away. Now you can focus on goals and think about how you want your life to change as you go forward.

There is lots of change energy around your personal appearance this year. You may want to get a new look to go with your new attitude! In general, you want to consider adding new, positive habits to your life.

To adopt a new habit, start by choosing something easy to incorporate into your life. For example, if you want to eat healthy this year, start by adding just a few bites of vegetables to each of your meals. If you want to improve your career prospects, start by pulling out your old resume and identifying the paragraphs you want to update. Find even the smallest, incremental changes you can make this year; start there and you will be amazed at the results.

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. You want to aggressively push forward, right NOW. You are impatient, wanting to see progress. Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and willing it to grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You’ll need to remember that most results will be achieved by quietly working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and lose their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.

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Fire tends to find sources of wood to burn. Just like a wild fire jumps from tree to tree, you may find yourself jumping from project to project. While this helps you get a lot done, it can also scatter your energy and not lead to the results you want. You have lots of energy and lots of opportunities, however you still want to be efficient. Avoid putting lots of time and energy into something when you can’t see how it will ultimately benefit you.

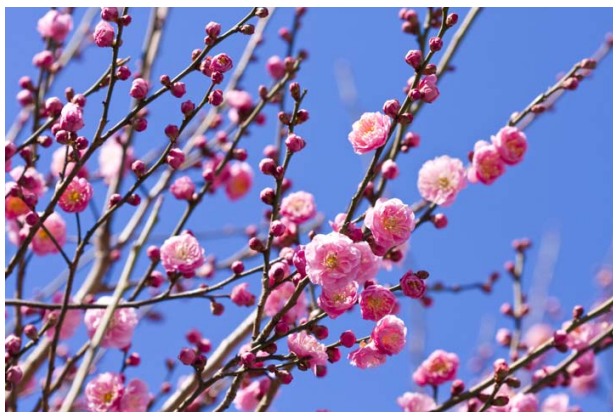
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## **Attract New Love**

After the big year for Horse natives in 2014 you might be feeling it's time to settle down and find love. And you would be right! There are lots of opportunities for love and romance for you this year. January and February may bring back someone from your past. Unfortunately, that ship has sailed. The person returning hasn't changed, nor do they plan to change (or perhaps he or she is not capable of changing into what you want). You're better off to move forward and find someone new.

To find the love you want, you need to get out and have some fun. It's important to go to new places and meet new people. You may have some luck looking online and using Internet dating sites, but in the beginning of the year it's better just to go out into the world and see who you meet.

What's really important here is for Horses to define what they're now looking for in a relationship. Last year you started a new 12-year cycle, so what you're looking for now may be entirely different from what you were looking for two or more years ago. Make a list of what your priorities are now, what you're willing to bring to the relationship, and what you're looking for from the potential partner. This will help you recognize it when it's in front of you.



When you want to attract love into your life you can use the energy of the plum and the plum blossom. This can be used to inspire love in your life, attract new love, and maintain love once you've found it. Of course, if you have space in your yard you can plant the plum tree. If it's not possible to plant a tree, you can find a picture of plum blossoms—either a photograph or a painting would be lovely. Hang the picture in your bedroom or, if you want to start off your new relationship slowly, hang it in the living room.

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### **Enhance Existing Love**

After all the changes and struggles of the previous year, those born in the year of the Horse may be frustrated to hear there are likely to be still more changes in their existing love relationships in 2015. Things in your relationship do not feel stable. There is unhappiness on one or both sides. There have been disagreements or even arguments; no one is listening to the other person. All of this spells trouble.

However, you can turn this around. You'll find opportunities to deepen the connection between you, to make it stronger than ever. Take special care to listen to what the other person is asking during the early months



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of this year. It is only by listening you can start the conversation leading to a better love relationship.

When you see an opening you need to be ready to acknowledge the other person's feelings. As you do, they will start to listen to yours. You are quite headstrong this year, and after the previous year of ups and downs, you aren't feeling very patient. But by shifting how you communicate you will strengthen your relationship and become a happy couple again.

If the difficulty between the two of you is very great, you may spend a short period of time apart. Perhaps you take separate vacations, or maybe one of you is called away on business or for military service. In this case absence can make the heart grow fonder. Keep your jealousy in check, and keep your suspicions to yourself. Practice trust, and try to see your partner in the best light.



Burn a red candle in your bedroom about once a month to really stimulate the energy in your love relationship. You can use a tea light or votive candle for this purpose, or you can choose a large pillar candle to burn over a series of days. You should burn the candle for an hour or two each night until the candle burns out. So, a large pillar candle or one of those jar candles could take all month to finish. But that's okay, the act of burning the candle over many days strengthens the energy. As you light the candle visualize happy times together for the two of you.

### **Family and Kids**

There are big shifts in the energy around your home and family this year. If you've just moved, this is a time to get settled in, learn new routines, and meet the new people around you. If you haven't made a move in a while, 2015 may be a year when you find it's time to move your residence or buy your second home. There is also an energy of renovation or transformation connected to your home. And indeed, carrying out a big renovation project can result in you feeling very much like you've moved into a completely new home.

As the year progresses you feel more and more content being at home. This can manifest more quickly if you can shift your business into your home, or if you can arrange to work remotely for your current employer. Spending this much additional time in the home means it is necessary to have a strong demarcation between your work and family spaces. You will become quite disciplined about it this year. This will help your business prosper, and life at home to be joyful.

There is some energy of loss surrounding your home this year, but you can channel this energy into decluttering—i.e., you “lose” your extra stuff. Even so, it's wise to take precautions this year by making sure your home insurance is in order; you might even want to up the coverage.

Another way to channel this energy is to make sure you have a good emergency kit at home, and that your family members understand what to do in an emergency. Have plenty of supplies on hand, a good first aid kit, and get the family together to figure out how to contact each other in an emergency. Preparing for the unforeseen helps bring more harmony into the household.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

Rabbits are the universal symbol for procreation, so using the image of a rabbit will help you attract fertility energy. Choose a figurine, decorative artwork of rabbits—or place a couple of little stuffed bunnies on the bed. But remember, there needs to be two rabbits to make things happen, so make sure there's more than one hare depicted in the artwork in the bedroom.

And please note: a rabbit's foot or rabbit's fur are not lucky symbols (especially for the poor rabbit)! When displaying a rabbit you want the whole bunny, not just a piece of one.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

### **Attracting Money**

A lot of positive energy is focused around prosperity and money this year. For most of the year, money will flow in greater abundance than you have seen before. Towards the end of the year you will need to be cautious with your money, as your income source may become unstable. But for most of the year you're enjoying really positive prosperity energy.

Energy around investing is also quite stable this year. In 2015 you should take advantage of the energy by really making it a point to learn as much as you can about investing, and starting to make your

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own investing decisions. Keep your portfolio diversified, but invest in things you're interested in. In December, pay attention to any tax consequences of your good fortune over the year. Discuss what you can do to finish off the year strong with your tax adviser.

Money from your business or occupation flows in nicely, with an opportunity for a bonus or raise in the middle of the year. You are finally seeing results from the seeds you planted in 2014. You may feel the temptation to take an expensive trip between July and September. If you do make these plans, buy travel insurance, since there may be some interruption of the trip—even if it's just a weather-related delay.



Even though prosperity is starting to happen in your life, it doesn't hurt to call in more money. Find a brass wind chime, one with round rods and a pleasant sound. Hang this in your front yard on a tree, or on your front porch. Or, if you have no front yard, hang it on your patio or balcony.

Hang it in a place where it will chime sometimes, but is still sheltered from the wind—so it's not ringing all the time. Clean it off about once a month. You can do this by turning the hose on it, or taking it down and cleaning it. This will re-energize it and cause more money to flow to you.

### **New Job or Career**

Now that we're in the new year, it's time to focus on the things you started last year, in 2014. If you started a new job, it's wise to focus your efforts on building your credibility in the office, making good contacts with management, and increasing your experience by working on projects with peers.

In 2015 those born in the year of the Horse will be enjoying stability in their jobs. You will be busy with many projects, clients or customers. At times you may feel a little overworked, but those times will be brief. For most of the year you will enjoy your job, and you will personally see how others respect and admire you.

If you do want to find a different job, this is a good year for it. Update your resume and start sending it out. Go out on social media and tell your friends in the industry you are looking. Meet colleagues for coffee and you will find them very helpful. Avoid starting a new job in September, however, as you will most likely end up not liking the job.

This year it's important for you to understand your worth. Don't sell yourself short. If you feel you're being underpaid, it's time to ask for more money. If no more money is available, it may be time to find a new position. You will find your current bosses will help you by giving

you references and even job leads. You deserve to be paid what you're worth.



Lapis has been called the gemstone of Kings. It's a blue, opaque stone, with flecks of pyrite that sparkle like gold. It's often made into jewelry, but you can also find small, tumbled pieces to carry your pocket or purse. Wear or carry the stone to remind yourself of your value and worth. Wash the stone in soap and water about once a week to clear it. This will help re-energize the stone. You can also carry this stone with you when you're going on job interviews.

### **Education**

There is positive energy around education this year. For those born in the year of the Horse who want to go back to school and finish a degree, there are definite openings for you. You want to focus your studies on topics which interest you a great deal. You're still in the seed-planting time in your 12-year cycle, and the things you study now could mani-

fest into career opportunities over the next few years. This is a good year to explore new subjects.

If you're in school now you will find that for the majority of the year things go smoothly. You show one hiccup around May or June—finals time. Take extra care to make sure you don't miss an important test, or forget to turn in a homework assignment. Double check your alarm before you go to bed. And if you turn in your homework electronically, make sure there's a way to determine it actually was sent.

### **Legal Matters**

While you may still be dealing with remaining legal matters from 2014, overall you show positive energy in the area of legal affairs this year. Read all contracts carefully, but once you have reviewed it you can sign with confidence. There are possibilities for several contracts for you this year. These could include employment contracts, new vehicle purchases, financial aid packages, new credit cards, and possible real estate purchases.

If you're planning to bring a lawsuit against someone, consider whether it is possible to pursue it yourself through small claims court. Then weigh the amount of paperwork with the value you expect to achieve. It will probably be worth your time to do pursue the lawsuit, but it's always a good idea to check to make sure.

There is also a possibility of being involved in a class action suit this year. This could be connected to your company, or a previous company you worked for. The opportunity could bring you some money, so pay attention to completing the necessary paperwork, and be prepared to contact your own lawyer if you feel you need additional advice.

## Health and Well-Being

While those born in the year of the Horse are generally healthy (because they love sports and activities, natural forms of exercise), this year you seem to not be paying enough attention to your health. It would be wise to schedule your health activities this year so you don't miss appointments with your personal trainer, doctor appointments, or trips to the organic market.

You are a little bit more susceptible to “what's going around” this year. This is unusual for you, so keep this tip in mind and take precautions. Be extra cautious toward the end of March—especially if the kids bring home some illness from school. You could be the one who ends up in bed not feeling well.

This year you could consider different types of exercise. Swimming or dance is especially highlighted. Horse natives are naturally graceful, so either of these would be a great addition to your exercise regimen. Also, consider spending a day at the spa to rejuvenate and relax. A lengthy massage can be very helpful, too.



Sometimes negative energy can collect in the home and literally lower our immune systems. We can counter this by smudging. Choose a combination sage and lavender smudge stick in this instance. Lavender is an herb used to cleanse an area. Sage brings positive vibrations into the space. Light the smudge stick, and carry it from room to room as you visualize positive, happy energy in your home.

If you don't feel comfortable burning an herb in the house, consider using a Sage



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Spray. Sage Spray is made from the essential oils of sage. Spray this around the house to bring good energy to the home.

After the tough year in 2014 it's not surprising you have surrounded yourself with lots of protective energy! You may still feel the power of the energy around you, but during the first half of the year, you will gradually begin to notice you need less of this energy. This allows you to take more chances and pursue bold action as you begin to feel the forces of the universe are watching your back. This doesn't mean you can take foolish risks; however, if there are things you have wanted to do or try for a while, this is a good time to explore the possibilities.

By September the extra protection energy has dissipated, and so you will need to once again come back to taking your usual precautions. The end of September can be difficult, and is not a good time to be engaging in dangerous sports. (No bungee jumping at the end of September!) When September has passed you can feel confident of your prowess again, and go out into the world knowing you will be fine.



Give yourself a little extra positive energy by finding a clay pot and placing it in the center of your home. Clay pots can be found at most garden centers; find one that goes with your decor. Choose a spot in the house closest to the center of the house (you can place the pot on either floor if you home is a multiple floor house). Fill the pot with plants or stones. Displaying the pot in the center of the house will help anchor the house, bringing wellbeing and stability.

### **2015 Action to Take**

After the flurry of last year, it's time to get organized and prepared for all of the new opportunities deriving from the seeds you planted in 2014. This means you need to create space for new things to arrive. It's time to go through your papers. You may have either piles of papers to sort through, or just a stack here and there, but now is the time to de-clutter your paper. Decide what you're keeping, what needs to be filed, and what can be tossed or shredded. And go through the papers one by one until the job is done. This will lighten the energy in your home and open your energy field to receive bigger and better opportunities.



## **Sheep/Goat**

February 13, 2007 — February 1, 2008: Yin Fire Sheep/Goat  
February 1, 1919 — February 19, 1920: Yin Earth Sheep/Goat  
February 17, 1931 — February 5, 1932: Yin Metal Sheep/Goat  
February 5, 1943 — January 24, 1944: Yin Water Sheep/Goat  
January 24, 1955 — February 11, 1956: Yin Wood Sheep/Goat  
February 9, 1967 — January 29, 1968: Yin Fire Sheep/Goat  
January 28, 1979 — February 15, 1980: Yin Earth Sheep/Goat  
February 15, 1991 — February 3, 1992: Yin Metal Sheep/Goat  
February 1, 2003 — January 21, 2004: Yin Water Sheep/Goat  
February 19, 2015 — February 7, 2016: Yin Wood Sheep/Goat

## **Sheep/Goat Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal. There are two animals we need to consider this year, Sheep and Goat. And they both have very distinctive qualities. We'll start with Sheep.

There are many traditions and stories about Sheep. (A ram is a male sheep, and a ewe is the female sheep, and lambs are both the male and female young.) Sheep are gregarious creatures who enjoy living in a

flock. They can become stressed when separated from others in their flock. They have a natural inclination to follow a leader. Sheep are not territorial, but they do like to stay in familiar spaces. They flee speedily from danger, but when cornered they will charge and “ram” you.

Despite the fact that the traits of Ram represent the masculine expression of the energy of the sheep family, people born during the Zodiac sign of Sheep tend to also appreciate the more “feminine” expression of their essence. By this I mean qualities such as shyness, sensitivity, tolerance and compassion. These attributes are strongly represented among Sheep natives.

While Sheep can come across as thin-skinned, they will willingly forgive when they sense the honesty in an apology. Sheep do not like to be hemmed in, preferring not to be under someone else’s rule or schedule. Yet neither do they like to rule—often opting for the supporting role.

Sheep is a very generous sign; he/she is known for their kind heart. And despite their generosity—or perhaps because of it—they always have a good home, plenty of food, and money in the bank. He or she spends his or her life helping others, and they are generously reciprocated.

When Sheep makes a list of their material goals and share it with others, people step up to help Sheep make these goals a reality. Sheep often receive legacies from people not related to them.

The only time a Sheep is really direct, straightforward in word and deed, is when they are angry. Most of the time they will take a very circuitous route to tell you what they want or think. They may tell you their story in the most expressive and creative of terms, yet never come right out to tell you what they really need or expect of you.

Sheep are devoted to their families and their friends. They remember birthdays, celebrate occasions, and are quick to send help when they sense trouble for the people they care about. This is often not reciprocated, their birthdays or their special events are often forgotten by those around them, and this hurts the kindly Sheep very deeply.

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Sheep natives tend to worry, and perceive future events as being dark and potentially disastrous. They can spend many hours, even days, stuck in a dark depression. They benefit greatly by talking over their difficulties with others, but many Sheep try to hold everything inside; this can cause physical issues such as fatigue and low energy.

Sheep are able to receive money, but they often spread it around quickly, leaving themselves with just the minimum to meet their requirements. They often attract money in the first place because someone else, someone they love, needs it. It's important for Sheep to plan for their financial security in the future, although they rarely do so.

They are very clever in business, and are masters of the soft sell. They're able to get past objections and help others come to a decision.

People born under the sign of the Sheep spend time waiting for the right moment to take action on their goals. This means they can wait for quite some time to get what they want. They are so committed to doing things the "right way", things often do not get done.

Sheep tends to be hypercritical about their own actions (and sometimes the actions of others), and this leaves them feeling vulnerable, as well as causing them a great deal of suffering. They need to take chances more often. They are more surefooted than they realize.

In some parts of the world, the creature symbolizing this section of the Chinese Zodiac is considered to be the Goat—not Sheep or Ram. And while many of the qualities ascribed to Goat are similar to those of Sheep or Ram, the energy of Goat has somewhat different qualities overall. A person born in the year of the Sheep/Goat can access the qualities of the Goat as well as the Sheep.

While Goat is a different animal than a Sheep, they are a sub-family of sheep. An easy way to tell the difference is by noting a goat's tail points to heaven, and a sheep's tail points to earth. When you are acting more like a goat, you are focused on climbing to new heights, you seek to get to the top and see the view below. When you're feeling more

Sheep-like, you tend to want to stay home and stay in your comfort zone, your routine.

Goat forages for its meal, sheep graze on grass. People born in this year of the zodiac may find they spend periods of time investigating lots of new things, new foods, new places and new people. Yet then they may spend months at a time doing the opposite—sticking to routine and the places and people they know well.

One of the valuable qualities of Goat we see in people born in Sheep year is curiosity. This quality allows you to explore and examine opportunities all around, and to find out whether or not they may be viable for you to pursue. Curiosity keeps you interested in the motivations of people all around you. Your life is enriched as you find yourself entranced by new topics and ideas. This keeps life very interesting.

### **Sheep/Goat: Predictions for 2015**

You're going to hear a lot of people say it, "This is your year!". But what does that really mean? In the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac it means you are at the beginning point of the cycle. It is a time filled with great potential for you. But not every Sheep is comfortable with beginning a process. So for some, this will be a challenging year.

You may feel pressure to move forward from the moment your year begins, but you really have until March to get moving. The first few months of the year are great for planning. Put your ideas on paper. Develop a strategy for where you want to be 12 months from now, six years from now, and even 12 years from now, at the end of the cycle.

Opportunities and insights suddenly come to you. A thought strikes you as interesting or exciting, a realization can change your life! You could suddenly realize where you have been stuck, and know what to do to free yourself. All this is good. And starting the process is what this year is all about. But there will be bumps in the path you're choos-

ing. Fortunately, who better than a Goat or Sheep to climb over a few rocks blocking the road.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of whatever problems and issues show up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle what comes. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, when to watch, and when to act.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on; and you need to trust in this. Even if you arrive late, you find you've made it on time for the most important part for you. And if you forget something on your way, you find you didn't really need whatever it was after all.

Yin is about yielding and understanding that some things can be moved more quickly, not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the aikido master who takes his opponents energy and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or think of a tiny seed in the ground, flexible and delicate, yet as it starts to grow, it can break through the concrete of a sidewalk to find sunlight.

Sheep's natural element is Fire, and the element of this year is Wood. Fire needs Wood—it is the fuel that helps fire burn. Fire is about energy and vitality. And this year, 2015, you have access to all the fuel you need. Imagine what you can accomplish when you tap into unlimited energy!

Most any wood will burn: some wood burns clean and bright, other types will smoke and crackle, not making a good fire at all. Lots of energy and lots of opportunities are at your disposal this year; however, you still want to be efficient. If you can't clearly see how a project will ultimately benefit you, avoid putting lots of time and energy into it. This year you have stacks and stacks of fuel, but you need to be choosy—otherwise you'll just end up with a noisy, smokey fire.

## **Attract New Love**

Some surprising opportunities are available for the Sheep native who is searching for love. The thought of unexpectedly finding someone to love, or to suddenly find yourself in a relationship can make sensitive Sheep uneasy, but you have nothing to worry about. The stars are aligning to bring you a great relationship opportunity this year...that is, if you will allow it.

Your strongest period for love is towards the middle of the year, and continuing through the rest of 2015. This year it's useful to have a vision of what you're looking for with regard to love and relationships. I don't mean you need to make a list of their height, weight, and hair color—instead envisions ways you could meet a new person. What would they say or do to make you feel comfortable enough to pass out your phone number, or to set a date.

The challenging period for you is the month of March, when you may meet someone who is quite mesmerizing, but completely wrong for you. Avoid getting your heart broken by moving very slowly in matters of love during the month of March. If you meet someone you can't get off your mind, talk to your trusted friends about this person, and heed their counsel. If you find you're hiding information about this lover from people you care about, there is something very wrong with this relationship.

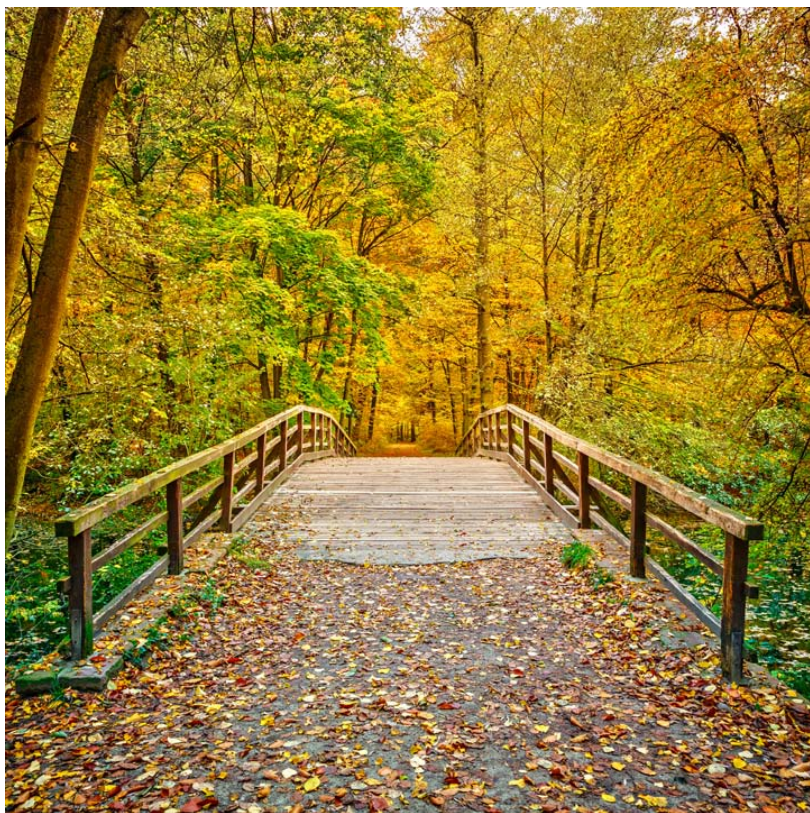
Sheep natives are among the most civilized of all the signs of the Chinese zodiac. They are peace-loving and nurturing, and often more focused on other people than on themselves. So now, you sometimes give so much in a relationship, it's hard to see what you may be receiving.

This year you need to ask for what you need. Be specific and detailed when you explain what you want. Avoid vague terms like: "be more honest", or "be there for me". Instead, say things like, "Let me know



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where you're going after work.”, or “When I come home from work, I'd like you to come and greet me.”



Find a picture of a bridge this year. The bridge you're drawn to will indicate a lot about how you're feeling with regard to attracting a new love into your life. Once you've chosen your picture, you can see whether you're attracted to a solid, sturdy bridge, or whether you are looking for the very different feeling of an old rope bridge soaring above a canyon.

Choose a bridge you're comfortable with. Study the details in the picture. There may be the silhouette of a pair of lovers on the bridge;

or perhaps you've chosen an image of a small foot-bridge, similar to what you might find at an outdoor wedding. Hang your chosen picture in your bedroom in a place where you can easily see it from your bed.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

Peach Blossom luck is traditionally used to attract love—especially for people who want to get married soon. This cure is used by people who are looking for a serious love relationship, not by those who are simply looking for a fling.

Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the four pillars of destiny (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a blue rat in the North part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

Because you are starting your new 12-year cycle, you are going to find new opportunities and helpful people in most areas of your life. But where this energy can be a problem is when you want to hold onto something (or someone) from the previous cycle...like your spouse, your partner.

You're going to be changing this year. Sheep natives will find themselves ready to strike out in new directions, so this year it's really important to have open and honest conversations with your partner. You want to let them know what you're thinking and feeling; and you want them to know when you need their help and support on your journey.

Overall, the energy for existing love relationships is calm and peaceful. Unless your partner is also born in the year of the Sheep, they expect

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things to stay pretty much the same. They will be in for a shock unless you express to them what your vision for the future is.

Some of you will hold back. Sheep is very sensitive and quite intuitive. You may think your current love can't handle the changes you are contemplating. You may even feel a need to suppress what you want, in the hopes of making them feel more comfortable. But this would be a mistake.



For this reason the Feng Shui cure for your existing relationship is the image of the majestic Banyan tree. This remarkable tree can grow so large its canopy can span a whole mile. It does this by sending down roots from its branches; which in turn grow to form supportive trunks fanning out from the main trunk. Hang a picture or drawing of the Banyan tree in your family room or bedroom. Or better still, take a second honeymoon to where the banyan tree grows, and renew your vows underneath it.

## **Family and Kids**

While the year starts off a little bumpy in the area of “home and family”, it smooths out by March. With so much change energy around you, you may be tempted to start the year with a large renovation project or a move—but take your time deciding what you really want. Don’t jump into a contract with the first contractor, or the first house you see. There will be many choices this year. With patience you can find something really suitable.

On the other hand, a quick family getaway in January or February 2015 sets the right tone for the year. This will help the family feel closer, and you’ll make some great memories. Choose a memorable destination, either to visit friends you haven’t seen in a long time, or travel to a place you’ve never been before.

After March you will find home is your peaceful sanctuary. This is a good year to enhance the home with art, improve the garden, and clean up the basement or attic. By the end of the year you will find you love your home more than ever.

## **Looking to Conceive?**

There are many foods associated with fertility. One is the watermelon—specifically the seeds. You’ve probably heard the old saying: “Swallowing watermelon seeds can get you pregnant!”. Rather than swallowing them, I suggest you take seven seeds, clean them and dry them.

Place the dried watermelon seeds in a small pouch, along with a metal charm shaped like a child (you can find these at party stores, in the baby shower section). Place the pouch under your mattress, so when you lie down, your belly is right over the pouch. This will bring good conception energy.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

## **Attracting Money**

You'll be happy to hear money opportunities are very strong this year. As you open yourself to new opportunities and ideas, money will appear. You don't need to chase the money. Instead, look for things you like to do, causes you believe in, or groups you want to associate with, and prosperity will follow.

During good money years, the ability or desire to spend can also be strong. It's good to keep your priorities in mind, whether your focus is to pay down debt, pay off the house, or to expand investments. The seeds you plant this year in the area of money will flourish for years to come.

When business opportunities knock, you will be tempted to reach into your own personal accounts to bankroll the venture. But this year pause and ask yourself, "Who can help me with this?", and see if you can get the money from another source. Look into crowd-funding as a possibility for bringing a new product to market or starting a new company from scratch. And remember—though you're a very generous person, always thinking of others—this year you need to pay yourself first.

Think long term this year. This is the first year of a 12-year cycle, and so think about your money in these terms, too. What is your long term goal? What are your goals for future retirement? When you make more income in a year like this, you need to be cautious about impulse spending, especially on large ticket items that lose value the moment they leave the showroom.





This year hang chili peppers to stimulate the flow of money. You can use pictures of chili peppers, chili pepper lights, chili peppers made out of fabric, or actual dried chiles strung together. Hang them in your entryway to bring luck with money. If you use dried chilies, however, hang them outside; otherwise the smell can be overwhelming.

### **New Job or Career**

If you've been thinking about changing jobs, or changing the direction of your entire career, this is a great year to do it. You have particular luck around career all the way through June. There maybe a few bumps between July and September, but even these will turn out for the best. It's time to get your resume or CV ready, and brush up on your interviewing skills. A new job can be yours.

Those born in the year of the Sheep have a great talent for sales. This is because of your uncanny ability to read people. You never need to browbeat anyone into a sale. You intuitively know what a person wants and needs, you can then match the person to the best product or service

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for them. Embrace your ability this year and you'll be amazed at what you can accomplish.

If you decide to stay with your current company, look around and consider whether you should shift positions within the company. You can easily garner a promotion or a better position this year. You need only apply.

If you own a business, you will see much expansion this year. The business seems to be effortlessly bringing in the customers. This is a good year to be thinking about the long term plans for your business, and your own future exit strategy. Have the vision and take a step in the direction you envisage, the positive energy of this year will do the rest.



To increase your luck and energy in the area of career and business, place a clear quartz crystal in the Wealth Area of your home. The Wealth Area is the far left corner of your home. (See the diagram in “Love Areas of Your House”). The crystal can be large or small, but it should be visible; place it on a shelf or table where you can see it.

## **Education**

If you're in school right now you may be fighting the temptation to completely change majors or drop out of school entirely. The desire for something new is so strong this year, but at the same time, you don't want to make a rash decision, perhaps destroying years of hard work. If you're feeling this way, talk to a counselor, parents and trusted friends. Get lots of opinions and weigh your feelings and all future possibilities before you take action in this area.

As we move to the middle of 2015, your interest in school can change. You may find yourself becoming obsessed with your education. This could take the form of researching for the right school or education program, looking for grants and scholarships, or really becoming passionate about your studies. This can be a powerful time for you. You can make a lot of headway on your educational goals.

## **Legal Matters**

There's neutral energy in the area of Legal Matters this year. This means you're not particularly lucky, but also not unlucky when it comes to lawsuits and contracts. Because it's your year, you can receive a lot of helpful advice about legal matters. Don't choose to do everything yourself when it comes to these matters. Ask around and get help before committing to a legal course of action, or signing an important contract.

Also, be careful driving in July and August, as you are vulnerable to getting ticketed, and may need to go to traffic court, or traffic school. This also goes for parking. Check the signs and parking meters, or you may end up spending some money you really didn't want to spend for that parking space!



## **Health and Well-Being**

This is a year of change for Sheep. This means you can benefit greatly by breaking routines, get rid of bad habits, and embracing a new, healthy life-style. The more changes you make in the area of your health, the better.

Even if you already eat right and exercise, this is a good year to make adjustments and changes to your routine. Look into new forms of exercise. Try varying your diet; try some new foods. Look into alternative or herbal medicine for preventative care. And if you've been putting off regular health screenings, get them done.

The only challenges for Sheep in the area of health is for the individual holding on to habits they know they should change. And the best time to change bad habits will be in April. Identify some good habits you want to incorporate into your life, and commit to taking action on these during the month of April, and you will find yourself experiencing great benefits the rest of the year.

This is a good year to join gyms and enroll in exercise classes. Try new and different activities like horseback riding, rock climbing, or fencing. Consider cooking classes, visiting your local farmer's market, or join a natural food co-op.



To call in good health energy this year, hang a wind chime made of shells. The shells can be whole shells or translucent disks made of shell and dyed soft colors. These chimes remind you of a beach on a summer day. Hang the chimes from your back porch, on your back patio, or from your balcony.

While this is your year, it's not always going to be smooth sailing. You're often so busy planting seeds for the future, you don't have time to watch over what you already have gained. It's important to keep

in eye on what you value—anything from material goods, to relationships, to important contacts. During the year there are periods of time when you could be vulnerable to theft. Be extra cautious in late September. And to be really certain, make sure you have insurance policies in place and up-to-date for your home, health, and vehicle.

Your intuition is increasing, and this year you will feel your own inner guide helping you in more than one situation. Let your gut feelings tell you which way to go when you're faced with a decision. You may want to practice listening to your inner self. For instance, before checking your phone messages, see if you already know who called, and what about. By honing your skills you can be ready for anything this year.



Gain additional energy for your home by placing a pair of Foo Dogs by your front door. These “guard dogs” come in pairs; one male with his paw on the world and one female, with her paw gently on the baby. Place one dog on either side of the door, inside or out, with their raised foot closest to the door.

### **2015 Action to Take**

2015 is a year of beginnings; this means it’s time to release projects and things which have been taking up space in your life, anything ly-

ing around unfinished for the last few years (perhaps even the past 12 years).

If you haven't already done so, it's time to clean out your closets. Look at craft projects you have been meaning to finish, and let them go, give them to a charitable organization, and let someone else finish them. If you've been meaning to work on the antique car in the garage, maybe it's time to send the car to someone else to finish for you.

And those renovation projects at home really, really need to be finished this year. As you take action to finish up these projects, new and better things will come into your life. You want most of 2015 to be about beginnings so don't spend very much time on the past; instead release and let go, and new opportunities will flow in.



## **Monkey**

February 2, 1908 — January 21, 1909: Yang Earth Monkey  
February 20, 1920 — February 7, 1921: Yang Metal Monkey  
February 6, 1932 — January 25, 1933: Yang Water Monkey  
January 25, 1944 — February 12, 1945: Yang Wood Monkey  
February 12, 1956 — January 30, 1957: Yang Fire Monkey  
January 30, 1968 — February 16, 1969: Yang Earth Monkey  
February 16, 1980 — February 4, 1981: Yang Metal Monkey  
February 4, 1992 — January 22, 1993: Yang Water Monkey  
January 22, 2004 — February 8, 2005: Yang Wood Monkey  
February 8, 2016 — January 27, 2017: Yang Fire Monkey

## **Monkey Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal. Of all of the animals of the Chinese Zodiac, the most agile and adaptable is the Monkey. Monkeys can live on the ground, or in the trees. Monkeys have both usable hands and two usable feet. And the monkey is known for its ability to mimic behavior.

The Chinese Zodiac sign of Monkey is the sign of intelligence. This Zodiac animal rules the inventor—one who is clever enough and innovative enough to solve intricate problems with ease. Monkeys have a very good memory and a proficiency for communication. They can give you an inspirational speech which motivates you, or they can give you are dressing down which leaves you feeling about two inches tall. Monkey is a problem solver. He or she is not going to give you sympathy, instead offer you a solution.

Monkeys do well in business because they are connectors. They find people who can help them achieve their goals. In a sense they know how to play the system, trading favors as part of a strategy for success.

Monkey always has a plan, usually several plans. He or she wants to do more than merely survive, he or she wants to prosper! The Monkey native will avoid confrontation if there is a chance you can be of some assistance to them in the future. If they are wrong, they will extract revenge, but only when the time is right.

A Monkey is susceptible to incentives and bribes. To get them to work for you, you need to offer them something they want. You can criticize the Monkey and they will not pay attention. They are extremely confident in their talents and abilities.

Monkey can find ways to justify their actions in order to achieve or obtain what they want. For this reason, people find it hard to trust Monkey, and this can affect Monkey's career and personal life. They are rarely discouraged by failure, or envious of the success of others.

Monkeys love a bargain. They're generally good with money and rather save it than spend it. They prefer to find their own interesting solution to spending cash. This choice shows up in their home where we find innovative decorating ideas and creative uses for cast-offs. They do love a party at home (BYOB); if you're invited, you can expect an evening (or night) of stimulating conversation and lively music.

Monkeys are into self-preservation. This can give them a nervousness or hyperactivity causing them to leap out of any situation they don't feel good about. They can get themselves in trouble by trying to avoid what they perceive is trouble.

But no matter what mistakes they may make, they are quick to rebound. Overall, the Monkey native gets what he or she wants without too much effort or struggle. If there's no benefit to be seen, they simply lose interest.

Monkeys are at one moment a passionate lover, the next moment they've forgotten you entirely. When in a long term, committed relationship, they can be a devoted partner; however, they like a lot of fun and attention, and they can get caught up in the moment. This can lead to some jealous feelings; Monkey doesn't notice, and in a moment he's back at your side, as if nothing ever happened.

Monkey's love projects. They can be constantly renovating their home. They love to create new things or make improvements to old things. They also like to sometimes just move the furniture around to try to get a different look. Otherwise, the combination of half-finished projects and Monkey's love of new stuff can make for a very messy house.

### **Monkey: Predictions for 2015**

2015 is a Sheep (or Goat) year, which means that 2016 will be your big year! You have one year to prepare for the opportunities coming to you soon. You need to create space for the new. This means taking the time now to identify what's not working in your life and discard it. This could mean decluttering the house, but it could also mean you need to leave your job, sell your home, or leave your relationship. Whatever is not working in your life needs to be released.

This is also a year of completion. If you have unfinished projects, this is the time to gather the energy to complete them. This could mean finishing up a degree at university, completing a home renovation, or

putting the final touches on your novel. Whatever the project, look to complete it this year if possible.

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. You want to aggressively push forward, right NOW. You are impatient, wanting to see progress. Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and willing it to grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You’ll need to remember most results are achieved by quietly working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and lose their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.

Monkey’s natural element is Metal, and this year’s element is Wood. Metal chops wood. Metal chops wood to make it more usable and manageable for what Metal wishes. So, this year many opportunities will come to you, but they won’t always be in the form you’re looking for. Before rejecting them, consider whether you can “chop” them into what you need them to be.

When an opportunity comes your way, consider it carefully. What parts of the opportunity are what you’re looking for? And what parts are unacceptable? Suggest the changes you want to make to the person who is offering you the opportunity. More often than not you will be surprised how amenable they are to the changes you suggest.



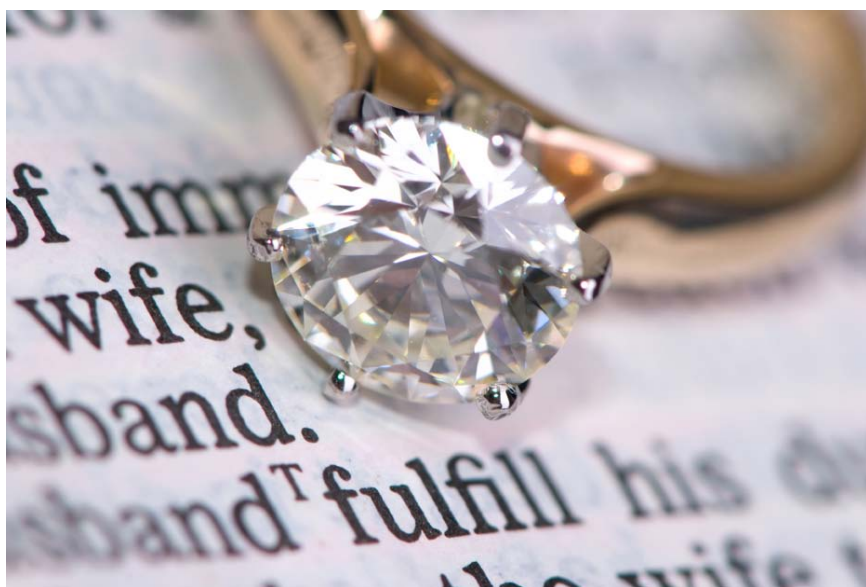
Additionally, because you're Metal and this is a Wood year, opportunities will come from many sources—several of them unexpected. Your natural inclination will be to ignore something so different from what you were imagining. But hang on to the idea of the opportunity for just a little bit. Ask yourself, “What benefit is here for me?” You will find a benefit in all of the opportunities coming your way this year.

### **Attract New Love**

This is an interesting year for Monkeys who are looking for love. When you're looking for love, you need to focus on finding someone who's different than the type of partner you have chosen in the past. Then it will be possible for the new person to be a part of the transition into your new cycle. If you choose a person who reminds you of a past love, the relationship with them won't last, it will fade away as your current 12-year cycle ends.

That said, there are opportunities for love for Monkey in 2015. In fact, there is nothing stopping you from finding a really great romantic relationship. You are more sociable this year. You have been excelling in the areas of work and/or your education, and this has made you more noticeable. Also, this year you will clear out some emotional baggage you've been carrying around for some time. This will create a space for love in your heart, and bring in energy for a new romance.

Monkeys don't like to admit when they're frightened. They tend to go the route of sarcasm and humor to mask strong emotions. If you have fears about a new relationship, this will block you from having one (or noticing a potential love interest when he or she presents themselves in your life). This year is a good year to face your fears, and in doing so, you can have one of the best relationships of your life.



When Monkey is searching for new love they are sometimes more interested in the lively conversations and fun at the beginning of a new relationship than in finding someone who's right for the long haul. But if you're a Monkey looking to settle down, find a replica wedding ring (you can find these at party stores in the bridal section), and place the ring under the mattress on the unoccupied side of the bed. If, on the other hand, you don't want to marry, but you do still want a stable relationship with someone, now put a copy of your house key under the mattress, again on the unoccupied side of your bed.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

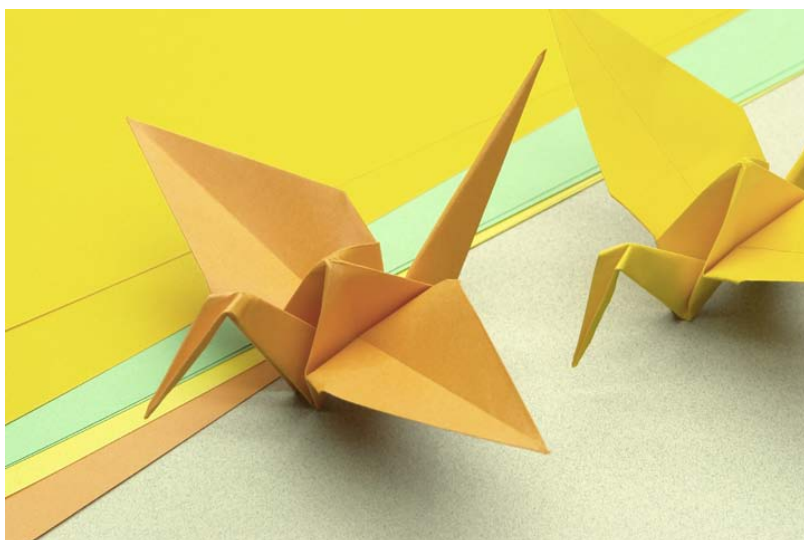
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Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a golden rooster in the West part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

This year Monkeys will find your existing relationship requires you to make an assessment—it's time to determine whether or not it is still working for you. Your relationship may be fulfilling on many levels. You may feel harmony and joy with your partner. And if so, that's great! You will continue to feel this energy and the sense of intimacy in your current relationship can deepen. If, however, your relationship is not on solid ground, if you find yourself more often dissatisfied with your partner than happy, this is the year to make a shift.

This may be hard for you to hear. Monkey natives are inventive and resourceful, so they often will see if they can fix things rather than change things. First, be really realistic about this process; count the number of months (years) you have been making an effort to improve your relationship, to be understanding and supportive of your partner, then be honest with yourself about the future prognosis. You are at the end of your cycle, and it's time to let go of what's not working in your life. Only by ending what's not working can you hope to welcome in new energy and have better experiences in your life.



If your relationship is worth keeping, or if you are looking for a new and loving relationship, choose the crane as your symbol for love this year. The crane is a symbol of fidelity and marital bliss in many cultures. To bring greater happiness to your relationship, get or make some paper cranes. This origami bird is simple to do and they are said to bring fidelity and longevity. You can also hang a painting of actual cranes. Place the picture or the paper cranes in the bedroom where you can see them from the bed.

### **Family and Kids**

There are a lot of changes at home this year. You may be thinking about moving, which will set a whole chain of changes into motion. If you want to put your house up for sale, avoid listing it during the retrograde periods (see the section on Mercury Retrograde). Selling a house during Mercury Retrograde will only cause delays; or worse, it may force you to lower the price to get a qualified buyer.

If you want to stay in your current residence it's important to make some changes within the home. You may be welcoming a new family member into your house: perhaps you are taking care of an older relative, having an adult child move back home, or there is the birth of a child. Shifts and changes are at their peak in late March but that doesn't mean you're off the hook after that. There will be minor changes throughout the year.

This is a good year to consider renovating or making overdue repairs to the house. There is a lot of energy around the electrical systems, heating and cooling systems, and kitchen appliances. Any one of these may become an issue this year. Getting the situation or the system serviced before it becomes a problem would be ideal.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

In many parts of China women who want to conceive place a bowl of uncooked rice under their bed. If you would like to test this traditional approach to becoming pregnant, take a decorative bowl made of porcelain or china, and fill it about two thirds full of uncooked rice (white or brown rice, short or long grain). Place the bowl in the center, underneath the bed. Do not disturb the bowl until the baby is born.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

### **Attracting Money**

Those born in the year of the Monkey have a lot of positive energy around money and finances this year. This can be a very strong money year for you, but you need to get control of your finances. Sometimes Monkey would rather play than take the time to make sure all the numbers in the ledger add up. This year is a really good time to adopt a system that helps you keep track of your money, and gives you a way to grow your money in the future.

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You may want to make a big purchase this year. And if the money is saved for this, then it's fine. But if your planning to max out your available credit be cautious. There's no reason to overextend yourself this year if you can help it.

Your investments are growing quietly in the background—if you have investments. If you don't, it's time to look into where to place the surplus money coming your way. Money is an energy that seeks to grow.



The sailing ship has been a symbol of wealth and success for hundreds of years. The image of a ship still holds the energy of prosperity. Find a picture or statue of a ship. You may find a photograph, or a realistic painting of a ship—or you may place a gold-painted ship embossed with the Chinese characters for prosperity on it.

Place your selection on your entryway table, or in your home office. The ship should appear to be sailing into the house (if it's in your entryway), or into the room (if it is placed in your home office.) This symbol will stimulate the money energy flowing into your home.

### **New Job or Career**

There is much fortunate energy around your career this year. You will be tapped for a promotion, or someone will offer you a new position. You might want to have your resume ready, as opportunities can come at any time during 2015.

Since you are at the end of your 12-year cycle, you need to look at your job situation and see if you are still satisfied with it. There's no point in holding onto a job you don't like. You might be thinking there are no other suitable jobs for your skill set, but in this fortunate career year you will find more than you have in previous years.

The one bump in the road is in September when shifts in the company or the industry you work for could affect your job. Things may feel quite stressful—even into October—but when you come out on the other side, you will see it was all for the best. In this case you are better off going with the flow, and not fighting to stay in a position or situation which is clearly unstable.





To welcome new opportunities in your career, get a new welcome mat for your front door. Choose a simple mat. It can be black and made of rubber (representing water and flow of opportunity), or it can be made of a natural grass (representing wood and growth). It can say the word, “Welcome” but it shouldn’t have any pictures on it (no pictures of kittens, flowers, flags, or other sayings). Then shake out the mat approximately once a month to stimulate the energy flow.

## **Education**

At the beginning of the year education is a neutral area for you. In the later half of 2015, the energy shifts towards the positive. If you’re already in school, you want to focus on finishing up your studies, and begin to plan for when you can transition into the workforce. Or, if you’re not currently in school, consider starting in August or September.

If you have to pay for school, focus your studies on practical topics like computers, medical, or business subjects. Otherwise, study what you like and you’ll find inspiration coming from what you learn. There are



some issues around arrangements for living on campus. If this is your plan, try to be flexible and things will straighten out by November.

### **Legal Matters**

This is a quiet year for legal matters with one exception. There is some very disruptive energy around signing contracts in January and February. If you must sign documents during this period, make sure to have them reviewed by a professional you trust, or you may find yourself stuck in a very unsatisfactory situation within the year.

There is also some energy this year pertaining to lawsuits over monies owed. You may be tempted to sue someone over a past debt, or you may be trying to settle a debt you owe. It is a good idea overall to get your finances in order this year. Try to avoid any long entanglements. Whenever possible see if things can be resolved outside of court.

### **Health and Well-Being**

Your health is quite good this year. You've started to take care of yourself, and it's really paying off! You'll feel a desire to eat healthy, and you will enjoy the benefits throughout the year. April and May will be times when you feel quite motivated to exercise. You will find yourself wanting to take up a new sport, or fun physical activity. Don't forget, Monkeys love to climb. Perhaps you climb the stairs an extra time or two, or climb the jungle gym at the park with your kids, or find some other way to do some climbing this year.

Since you are finishing up your 12-year cycle this year, you want to let go of negative health habits. This year it will actually be easier to do so. Explore different methods of keeping yourself accountable, whether it is through keeping a journal, a program on your computer, an app, or a friend who checks in on you. Accountability is the key to your well-being success this year.



Turquoise is a beautiful blue-green stone, often made into jewelry. It's long been known for its healing qualities. Find either a piece of turquoise jewelry, or a tumbled stone you can carry with you. The turquoise will remind you to stick with positive health changes. Once your new habits are established you can keep the stone in your kitchen with your healthy foods.

When we talk about energy, we mean to take necessary action to add an extra layer of attention to any area of life where you might feel vulnerable. This year the energy around enemies (jealous people, unstable people, emotional vampires, etc.) is very high. It is wise to do a few extra things to protect yourself from the negative energy of others this year.

There needs to be additional protection around your home, vehicle, and belongings. You want to keep an extra eye on these things this year. You're letting go of what doesn't work for you this year, but that doesn't mean others are welcome to help themselves to your possessions!

The first step to increasing the protection energy around yourself is to become aware of what is around you. Monkeys are the most intelligent of all the 12 signs of the zodiac, but you can become complacent or distracted, and not pay attention to the details of life going on around you. This year, ask yourself if the people around you are of benefit to you, or if they're draining you. And take steps to distance yourself from negative-energy people.



To protect your property—including things like your car—use the symbol of the firecracker. The firecracker is used in many countries to scare away evil beings or negative energy. I don't mean live firecrackers, instead use symbols of firecrackers. Firecracker symbols look like red tubes and are usually decorated with Chinese characters. Your symbol might be as small as your little finger, or stand a foot tall. Often times you can find firecrackers strung together along with other Feng Shui charms. Hang your firecrackers by both the front and back door.

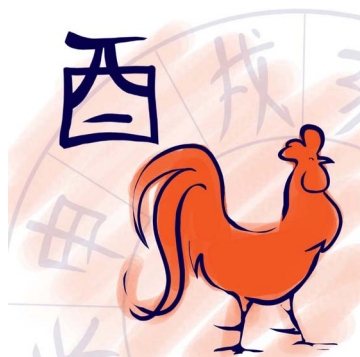
You can also hang a string of small firecracker symbols in the car to protect your vehicle.

### **2015 Action to Take**

As you come to the close of the 12-year cycle, you want to feel the new possibilities of your life. In order to feel the new, you need to remove things that collect or create stagnant energy from your life. This year

you want to make a concerted effort to remove dead plants from your home and property.

Also, consider removing any silk plants or replacing them. When silk plants are new they are quite beautiful and energizing, but as they get dusty with age, their usefulness decreases, and the energy they attract becomes unmoving and sluggish. Replace them with new silk plants—or better still, live plants will really stimulate the energy.



## **Rooster**

January 22, 1909 — February 9, 1910: Yin Earth Rooster  
February 8, 1921 — January 27, 1922: Yin Metal Rooster  
January 26, 1933 — February 13, 1934: Yin Water Rooster  
February 13, 1945 — February 1, 1946: Yin Wood Rooster  
January 31, 1957 — February 17, 1958: Yin Fire Rooster  
February 17, 1969 — February 5, 1970: Yin Earth Rooster  
February 5, 1981 — January 24, 1982: Yin Metal Rooster  
January 23, 1993 — February 9, 1994: Yin Water Rooster  
February 9, 2005 — January 28, 2006: Yin Wood Rooster  
January 28, 2017 — February 15, 2018: Yin Fire Rooster

## **Rooster Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac animal, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the mythic creature we are considering. While most animals in the Chinese Zodiac do not differentiate between male and female, the Chinese sign of the Rooster is the male. (No one ever says they're born under the sign of the hen or the chicken.)

When we look at the personality of this creature, we think of Rooster as the boss of the hen-house. Roosters are polygamists, they can have many ‘hens’ under their care. He also will guard and protect all he sees as his from any interlopers. He will guard from a high perch, keeping a sharp lookout, sounding his distinctive alarm if predators approach.

Because of the important duties a Rooster always seems to have (particularly that of keeping an eye out for interlopers) the Rooster personality is to be a perfectionist—someone with a sharp eye for detail and the ability to keep an accounting of everything (and everyone). In matters of money Rooster really excels. Roosters are very good at handling finances, protecting assets, and making good investments.

As perfectionists, Roosters are intolerant of even the smallest error. They will aggressively go after what belongs to them, from a small overcharge at the bank, to a raise or bonus they believe is owed them at work. (It’s best not to owe a Rooster money unless you can pay them back.)

Roosters like to look good, and they equate looking good with receiving respect from others. So when Roosters open their pocketbook, it’s to add things to their lives to make other people take notice. Money is well spent when it’s on a flashy car, or really nice suit, or a piece of sparkling jewelry.

Roosters prefer routine over surprises. Surprises are seen as a warning of danger, and are perceived on a range from merely irritating to stressful. Those born under the sign of the Rooster like to be prepared. They will keep extra things in their home or in their handbag just in case—everything from extra change for the parking meter, to remedies for headaches, to extra pens.

Rooster likes to be seen as the person who has it all together. And because of this they can be convinced to take part in projects which prove to be impossible tasks.

Rooster natives are very inquisitive. They end up taking on more and more, and still find the energy to do it all. They give parties, volunteer for groups, and decide to make their own bread, possibly all in one day. And overall, they keep a calm demeanor—unless things go very wrong. Then you will witness their extreme distress and hurt, seemingly erupting from out of nowhere.

If we can find a fault with Rooster, it would be their sense of entitlement. Roosters do a lot it's true, but then they also want a lot of praise and compliments for their actions. Roosters can be given to jealousy when others seem to be in the limelight. This can cause the Rooster to take actions which don't benefit him, actions like being insensitive or even vengeful.

When a Rooster falls in love it's serious business. He follows his practical manner in his approach. This can lead to great disappointments in Rooster's love life as it's hard to categorize and schedule emotions.

Many Roosters find that being in a relationship is preferable to being alone. It's not that they need the romance, it's more their life and the house just seem to run better when there's two. Rooster loves an orderly and tidy house. To romance a Rooster, just share kitchen duties, and he'll pronounce it, "true love".

### **Rooster: Predictions for 2015**

For those of you who are born in the Year of the Rooster, 2015 holds a lot of energy in two areas of your life. First and foremost is the basis upon which you have built your life, your personal "foundation," if you will. The concepts you were raised with are being shaken and challenged. And while this may sound frightening, it's actually going to be a wonderful thing for you. This is when you can release any negative family patterns and become free of the past; you get to decide for yourself how you respond to the world.

The other area is also very significant. It has to do with how you are seen by others. There is a dramatic shift in how people see you this year as well. People are noticing a dramatic shift in your presence—there is greater confidence in your step, you speak up even before you're asked for your input, and you're stepping up to lead where perhaps you hung back before. People are going to be impressed. And you will find many supportive peers who urge you to take charge.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of whatever problems and issues show up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle whatever comes your way. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, how to prepare and when to act. Rooster really thrives on this energy.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on. You need to trust in this. Even if you think you are late, you find you've made it on time for the most important part. And if you forget something, you find you didn't really need it after all.

Yin is about yielding and understanding that energy can move more quickly, not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the Aikido master who takes his opponents energy and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or think of a tiny seed in the ground, flexible and delicate, yet it is powerful enough to break through the concrete of a sidewalk to find sunlight.

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### **Attract New Love**

This year Roosters are a little bit more focused on love than they have been for some years. And there's good news: there are lots of opportunities to find love now, especially in and amongst your friends and acquaintances. New love can be found via recommendations and introductions by people you know.

This is a good year to join groups and organizations where you can meet lots of new people. Go online and find what types of groups meet in your area. Plan to attend a group meeting at least a few times, so you have a chance to become acquainted with the members of the group.

Choose large groups, they are likely to attract new people who show up at their meetings. If you really enjoy the group, you can consider seeking a leadership position—indeed, Roosters often find themselves in leadership roles very quickly. However, don't take on too many re-

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sponsibilities for a new group this year, if it is not benefiting you in the area of love and romance.

One challenge you will have this year is when you meet a new love you will also find an old lover returns. Then you have to choose. You're most likely better off with the new love, but you are going to be very tempted to give things another try with the one from the past. If you reconnect with an old lover proceed with caution, it's unlikely the person has changed much at all.

One of the really exciting things you can do to meet the energy this year, is to make some changes to your appearance. If you feel like you need a new look, go for it. Try a new hairstyle or change something about your wardrobe. Do things that make you feel as good on the outside as you do on the inside.



When looking for love, write your wishes on small pieces of paper and put them in a soapstone container. These containers can be found in gem shops and online. They are often carved quite beautifully. Place the jar in your living room or bedroom. About once a month read what

you've written on the slips of paper, and add more wishes when you feel like it.

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### **Enhance Existing Love**

Those born in the year of the Rooster have a peaceful year ahead when it comes to their existing relationships. Your partner is supportive and interested in your happiness. This comes at a good time, as support from your partner is very welcome right now. When things get a little overwhelming in your life, you tend to clamp down and become controlling. This is when your partner will make every effort to support you. Remember, he or she is trying to help, so don't take your frustrations out on them. Try to maintain a united front.

Communicating your needs will be key this year. The more you're able to tell your beloved what you need, the more likely you are to get it. This doesn't mean you need to be ruthlessly frank. Diplomacy will get you better results. No need to use force or coercion, just explain what you want, and this year your partner will be happy to provide.



To increase happiness in your relationship this year use the herb, basil. If you like basil you can add it to dishes you prepare and share with one another. You can also grow a small basil plant on the windowsill in your kitchen. When life is stressful and you feel you need more support from your partner, take a few leaves from the basil plant and put them on a dish on your nightstand. This will shift the energy to help you come to a mutual understanding.

### **Family and Kids**

There are a lot of changes at home this year for those born in the year of Rooster. Moving is highlighted. You may be selling your home and finding a new place—possibly even a new town to call home; even moving out of the country is a possibility.

For those Roosters who want to remain where you currently live, you need to make a lot of changes at home. Consider finishing renovation projects, redecorating, and decluttering to keep the “new” energy flowing in the house. The most intense period of time is around April. You may find the house needs urgent repairs in some area. Try to get repairs

done before late May, otherwise there could be complications costing quite a bit of money.

The changes around the home suggest the possibility of a change in the family itself. There may be an addition to the family through birth or marriage. Perhaps an adult child moves back home. You may find yourself taking care of an elderly relative. While you are the most organized and efficient of all the signs of the Chinese zodiac, it is important to make sure you leave time this year to take care of yourself. A happy Rooster makes for a happy household.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

Traditionally, natural pearls represent the energy of conception. Pearls are formed inside a clam. The soft tissue of the clam deposits layer upon layer of calcium carbonate around an irritant, creating this valued and beautiful gem. Pearls come in a variety of colors, although white is usually what we think of when we think “pearl”.

To enhance the energy of conception, you can use any color pearls for attracting fertility energy. However, be sure to find natural pearls, not imitation ones. If you have a string of natural pearls you can hang them from your bedside lamp, or place them in a dish on your nightstand. You can also use a single pearl to attract conception energy. Place the pearl in a little box and put the box on a table next to your bed.

(From Donna Stellhorn’s book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

### **Attracting Money**

Finances are particularly strong this year. Money can flow easily into your life. It’s important for you to focus on this area, and maximize the energy. As money increases, resist the temptation to increase spending and you will enjoy a truly abundant year.

Money is likely to can flow in from multiple sources this year. It's a good idea to meditate on possible streams of income to open up the channels. Look to hobbies or investments to supplement money from career. In daily situations ask yourself if there's money to be made. Read books or take classes on how to maximize financial gain, either through negotiation, technology, or through sales skills.

Investments improve this year also. You will benefit greatly by associating with people who understand the stock market or real estate. Look for networking meetings or classes where you can improve your skills in the areas which interest you the most. For the first half of the year you easily demonstrate how your intuition and action harmonize to bring some really great results. But don't let this lull you into complacency—September could bring you a negative surprise. Overall, if you do your due diligence, you will find positive results throughout the year.

Money flows in from career this year and increases towards the middle and end of the year. This could be due to a job change or a shift in your company—more about that later. With regard to the income from your career, it's important to maximize your benefits. If the company offers any sort of matching retirement plan, make sure that you sign up. Also, take advantage of company-sponsored education.

If you own a home business you can increase income through strategic partnerships. Find related businesses and strike a deal. Some cooperative advertising can really boost your bottom line.



To call in money this year hang a brass bell outside your front door. This “money bell” can be embossed, painted with symbols of money, or be hung with money charms. You can find one covered with Chinese characters, dollar signs, or pictures of boats. Also, brass bells will attract more money than bells made of nickel. Hang the bell either outside your front door, or on your balcony or patio. And make sure to ring the bell at least once a week.

### **New Job or Career**

There’s a lot of change energy around your career this year. It’s possible this is a change you make due to you seeking a new and better job. But the energy can also indicate changes in your company, or in the industry at large. At the beginning of the year it’s a good idea to take a look at the “health” of your company and the direction of your industry. Ask yourself where things are headed and how any changes could affect you.

We tend to look at the future, but not being willing to see potential changes coming to our lives. But if you ask yourself honestly, you will know when you need to make a shift. That said, this could be one of the most beneficial years for your career you’ve seen in a long time. You will be proactive this year. Polish up your resume, do your homework. You can make a shift into a new job, and really benefit yourself and your family.

If you own a business it’s time to look at the trajectory of your market. Are you working harder and making less? Do you need to get on board with new technology? Is your audience gravitating in another direction? You have some major opportunities this year. This could be the



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year you build and sell your business. Do some research and see if this could be a viable option.

You may also want to look at your business and see which of the products or services you offer brings you the most profit for the least amount of effort and cost. It's time to focus on the direction the market is leading you. Drop unprofitable items and services. Raise your prices where you can. Look at some of your competitors and see the direction they're going. Overall, this could be a really great year for you.



This year it would benefit you to hang a picture of trees in your home office or the office at work. Think of the trees as the competitive market you are part of—many trees competing for sunlight, water, and room to grow. How many succeed? See how some flourish by leaning this way or that. Look at how their roots spread out to make them more stable, and how the branches fan out to collect more of the precious sunlight. This is a growth year for your career, and this image will help.



## **Education**

This is a good year for those born in the year of the Rooster who want to continue their education. There are even opportunities to get some or all of your schooling paid for through grants or loans. This works out the best if the decision to return to school is thought out and planning is done ahead of time.

Last-minute decisions, especially those made in September, will not go smoothly. If you rush into school (and debt) without a plan you may find by October you have made a bad decision. But if you carefully weigh your options and choose a scholastic program carefully, you will find going back to school is one of the best decisions you can make in 2015.

## **Legal Matters**

There is some unsettled energy around legal matters for you this year. It's best not to rock the boat. Try to stay out of court if at all possible. On the other hand, if someone pulls you into court, you're most likely to emerge victorious. But since the overall energy is very unpredictable, be cautious concerning legal matters.

It would be prudent to have a second pair of eyes—such as a lawyer or knowledgeable adviser—look over contracts before you sign them. This will help you avoid shocks later in the year. This is especially true if you're signing contracts in mid-to-late March. Read carefully before signing anything, especially this month.

## **Health and Well-Being**

Your health is stable this year and you even show some areas of strong improvement. The area of health doesn't bring as many surprises or stressful events as in previous years.

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Your best time to start a new diet or exercise program will be late March or early June. Programs started during this period will be very effective and you'll stay with it. You'll find the first two weeks or so very difficult, but after that the habit will be established and you will find yourself not only staying with your diet, but marveling at the results.

This year it is important to reduce mental stress. Make an effort to avoid trying to control the external forces in your life. Learn to go with the flow. This is not easy for those born in the year of the Rooster, as they are natural leaders and sometimes they feel like they're herding cats at work or at home. Meditation, or a moving meditation—like walking through nature—could be a helpful stress reducer this year.



Overall, your health is very positive this year. If you've been healing from past injury or illness, you'll see improvements. Consider lighting a green candle once a month to focus your mind and spirit on your healing process. Often Rooster natives will do all of the physical things

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required for personal healing, but they skip the mental aspects of healing, and may not deal with the stress of injury and illness. Speed your healing process by exploring mental and emotional issues while you're working on your physical health.

This year others see you as a powerful person. You've been working hard and gaining skills. As you expand your circle of friends and colleagues you find more people respect you and recognize your worth. For the most part this brings you in your life. It's only at the very end of the year (Chinese zodiac year, January 2016) you experience some negative energy from jealous people.

While personally you move through the world quite safely, your home and/or your personal belongings do need your attention and some added protection energy. Doing all the usual things a person does to protect home and belongings will work, it's just not a year to slack off on these things. Make sure exterior lights work, locks are on doors, and don't let strangers into the house. Also, keep your eye on your personal belongings (such as your purse or wallet) when you're out and about. March and April are the most difficult periods, but keep these concepts in mind all year.



To add to the home, place an image of a bear in the living room where it can be seen from the front door if at all possible. You might choose a small figurine, a picture or a painting, even a stuffed animal (though it should be more realistic than cute). This item could sit on a shelf or table or be nestled into the bookcase. Think of the bear as protecting your home and all who live there. You can also get a little bear charm to hang on your purse to help protect your handbag.

### **2015 Action to Take**

Positive thinking is really key this year. Negative thinking will really trip you up. When Rooster is feeling down or uncertain, you won't be looking for new and creative ideas for attracting more of what you want. So in keeping with the practice of positive thinking, it would be wise to design a few affirmations for yourself to say on a daily basis. and change them from time to time or month to month. As one wish is fulfilled consider replacing it with something new you want.

Choose affirmations based in reality and truth. It's better to ask for something just slightly out of reach to give yourself a true feeling of the possibilities. Things like this: "I see myself increasing the money flowing in my life by 10% or more this month.", or, "I find myself meeting new people and sometimes feeling a romantic attraction.". You can write out your affirmation and tape it on the bathroom mirror. This way you see it every morning. Or, perhaps you write it out a small card and keep it in your wallet.



## **Dog**

February 10, 1910 — January 29, 1911: Yang Metal Dog  
January 28, 1922 — February 15, 1923: Yang Water Dog  
February 14, 1934 — February 3, 1935: Yang Wood Dog  
February 2, 1946 — January 21, 1947: Yang Fire Dog  
February 18 1958 — February 7, 1959: Yang Earth Dog  
February 6, 1970 — January 26, 1971: Yang Metal Dog  
January 25, 1982 — February 12, 1983: Yang Water Dog  
February 10, 1994 — January 30, 1995: Yang Wood Dog  
January 29, 2006 — February 17, 2007: Yang Fire Dog  
February 16, 2018 — February 4, 2019: Yang Earth Dog

## **Dog Personality**

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac creature, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the creature itself. When considering the qualities of the Dog, many of us have some idea about dog personalities and behavior.

It said that dogs came to live with humans around 100,000 years ago. Humans found dogs to be very valuable; helping them hunt and herd. The dogs could pull loads, even protect their people from wild animals.

Sometimes we can confuse the personality of the dog in general, with the individual personalities of specific dog breeds (most of which are only a few hundred years old). We want to consider the energy of dog in general as we think about the personality traits of natives born in the Chinese Zodiac sign of the Dog.

The animal dog is known for companionship; similarly individuals born during the Year of the Dog are usually very well-liked and sociable. They have a deep sense of loyalty and are willing to play fair. They are happier around other people than they are on their own. And they tend to go with the flow, not being overly demanding, always willing to meet others halfway, so everyone gets something of what they want.

Early humans brought dogs into their lives to increase their chances of survival. The dogs would help them find food, keep them warm at night, and protect them from dangers. Those born under the Chinese Zodiac sign of Dog are very protective of their friends. They watch over them and are willing to fight for them. Dogs are willing to take up a cause, whether on behalf of an individual, a group, or an organization—and they will work hard to until success is achieved.

Because they take loyalty so seriously, Dog natives choose their friendships very carefully. It can take a long time for them to accept a new person into their circle. At the same time, many people want to be their friends, as Dogs are often in positions of influence, connected with people of power. Dogs are rarely selfish, and when they crave power or money, there is usually a person or cause who will benefit from everything Dog creates.

Dog natives are known to work hard and to play hard. They have to be cautious in order to avoid overindulgence in food, or over-spending. They generally like competitive sports, and they often love a good hard workout. They don't mind a night out dancing followed by an early morning yoga session. They like a stylish home, but their home may not be neat—although it doesn't matter to them, since they're not at home that often.

Dogs make good lawyers as they are always looking for justice and fairness. These characteristics also make them an excellent employee. They're particularly good at managing several projects simultaneously. They won't gossip at the water cooler, nor will they speak ill of others. Dog prefers to be a team player, and if you're part of the team you can count on them.

Dogs alternate between aggressive spending and aggressive saving. When it comes to investments, they are better at investing in property, or in precious metals or stones, and other tangible things rather than intangible derivatives.

What Dog wants most in life are loyal, honest, intelligent friends, who will go out to share a dinner or to the theater, or join them on an impromptu trip to the Bahamas for the weekend. They love to be treated fairly and honestly, they don't like to be questioned too deeply about their reasoning and thinking processes. They'd love to have enough money—in fact, so much money they never have to think about what things cost!

Even when Dog seems happy, by nature they are pessimists, capable of worrying a great deal, even about the small things. They can count the times when they were overconfident and it led to disaster, and they use this information as a tool to confirm their need to worry.

They are very resourceful and resilient, and they can overcome any difficulty. However, they spend a great deal of time visualizing potential problems, and they tend to look for the storm clouds and never the silver lining.

### **Dog: Predictions for 2015**

This is a year to focus on knowledge and understanding. Be curious about the world and seek to know what you need to shift or change in order to have more of what you want.

You will find many answers in books this year. You may even write a book yourself. Look at taking some classes or gaining knowledge by traveling to a place you've never been before. The overarching energy of this year for those born in the Year of the Dog shows your path involves putting different bits of information together to form a cohesive plan. Having a plan will help you know the steps to take to manifest what you want.

This is also a year where you need to call in resources. You've probably spent most of your life making sure that everyone around you is okay. Everyone else gets a piece of pie before you do, and you just hope there's some left when it's your turn. This year you need to step up and take your turn. You need to ask others to help you, and if they don't step up, ask someone else. Keep asking until you get what you need.

In 2015 the energy is Yin, and you are Yang. Yin is about patience, flexibility and waiting until the right moment to take action. The energy of Yang wants to push forward aggressively, right NOW. You are impatient, want to see progress—right now! Your efforts are about as useful as standing over a seed in the ground and shouting encouragement at it to make it grow. Your will is useless here.

Yin is about yielding to the flow. For you to get into the flow this year, you will need to allow things to happen at the speed they happen, rather than trying to force results. Yin is about gently guiding energy. Yang likes to push and push until things start to move in the “right” direction. You'll need to remember that most results will be achieved by quietly working in the background, steadily climbing while others scramble and risk losing their footing.

**Tip:** To balance this incompatible energy, hang a Yin/Yang symbol in your bedroom, near the entrance to the bedroom. This symbol can be made of glass, metal, fabric, or painted wood—but not plastic. It can be small, as little as 1 inch across, or as large as 2 feet in diameter.



Dog's natural element is Metal, and this year's element is Wood. Metal chops Wood. Metal chops wood to make it more usable and manageable for what Metal wishes. So this year many opportunities will come to you, but they won't always be in the form you're looking for. Before rejecting an idea, consider whether you can "chop" it into what you need.

When an opportunity comes your way, consider it carefully. What parts of the opportunity are something you've been looking for? And what parts are unacceptable? Suggest any changes you want to make to the person who is offering you the opportunity. More often than not you will be surprised how amenable they are to the changes you have requested.

Additionally, because you are Metal and this is a Wood year, opportunities will come from many sources—several of them unexpected. Your natural inclination will be to ignore something very different from what you were thinking of or visualizing. But go with the flow, and hang onto the opportunity just for a little bit. Ask yourself, "What benefit is there for me?" You will find a benefit in all of the opportunities you receive.

### **Attract New Love**

Those born in the year of the Dog have a lot of opportunities for love this year. Their biggest obstacle is their strong focus on other aspects of their life. It's important to make time for meeting new people and dating. Anytime you can combine activities such as exercise and meeting new people, or connecting with people through business networking, you will find opportunities emerge for love.

While new love opportunities do come, you seem to gravitate towards people who remind you of past relationships. The person you meet may have the same first name as a past love; the new person may have a similar laugh or way of speaking; perhaps you keep finding people with

the same profession as someone you dated before. It would be better to find someone new, really new—who helps you break old patterns. When you meet a new someone this year, ask yourself, “How is this person similar to people I’ve dated in the past?”, and “Or, how are they different?”. Being aware helps you be clear about your expectations in the new relationship.

This also means you will have the best luck finding a new type of person when you venture into new situations. Visit places in your town you haven’t been to before. Try new restaurants, shop in new grocery stores, look for events like festivals and expos—these will be your goldmine for finding new love.

There will be two times this year when old lovers come back wishing to rekindle the relationship from the past. The first time is very early in the year, towards the end of January to about mid February. The second time is towards the end of May and all the way to the middle of June. If you wish to check back and see if an old relationship will work this time, contact the person during these periods. You will also find old friends contact you this year. Make yourself more findable by being on social media like Facebook.



Make the act of finding new love easy and fun by displaying dolphins in your bedroom. You can have a painting, a photograph, a statue, or even a cute stuffed dolphin for your bed. If you decide on a picture, hang it where you can see it from your bed. Choose a picture that has more than one dolphin in it. (In fact, if you want a lot of love opportunities, choose a picture of a school of dolphins.) But have at least two dolphins in the room to represent you in a relationship.

## **Peach Blossom Luck**

Peach Blossom luck is traditionally used to attract love—especially for people who want to get married soon. This cure is used by people who are looking for a serious love relationship, not by those who are simply looking for a fling.

Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a green rabbit in the east part of the bedroom.

## **Enhance Existing Love**

Dog natives have lots to celebrate when it comes to their existing relationship. You will feel closer to your partner this year. You feel more loved, cherished and supported than you have in years. This will be a source of joy for those born in the year of the Dog, something to lighten the load in lots of other life areas.

The only challenge in your current relationship centers around money. You both handle money differently, and in the past this has been a source of contention. This year the old wound rises up again to be healed once and for all.

It's time for the two of you to have a real conversation about your finances. Each of you thinks you are right and the other person is being intractable. The solution is to take the time to hear each other's views, acknowledge each other's opinions on the subject, and then find a compromise. This year you can heal this issue and put yourselves on the road to prosperity.

Dog's sense of loyalty guides him in most of his relationship decisions. But the flow of loyalty needs to go in both directions. At the beginning

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of the year your partner may need a little reminder you deserve their attention when you're together. A little exercise you might try together is to sit down for a few minutes and write down a list of what you love about each other. Just affirming the little things that make your hearts dance will carry you through the year.



This year those born in the year of the Dog can increase love in their existing relationship by adding the color mulberry to the bedroom. This deep red color can help stimulate passionate energy, and enhance the warm and loving feelings a couple enjoys in their relationship. You can add a mulberry-colored bedspread, or a few throw pillows. Or, if you're feeling really bold, paint an accent wall in this color.

### **Family and Kids**

Home life is quite peaceful this year. You find your family closer and more supportive of each other in 2015. There will be some opportunities around real estate. You might find a new home, or perhaps you and

a relative invest in some property. But try to keep home renovations small, and make every effort to stay under budget. It's easy this year to get carried away, and end up with little satisfaction and a large bill.

Kids are happy to stay at home this year, though they may spend a lot of time being off in their own rooms playing video games or talking on the phone with friends. To bring the family together, consider arranging a family game night, or plan a family outing once a week. April is an especially good month to try to do this, or May when one or more of the kids really needs some family time.

This year you'll need to pay attention to your neighborhood. Take a walk around the streets near your home a few times this year. Ask yourself if your neighborhood is improving, or whether it is becoming less cared for—even run down. If you notice a decline, consider you might be moving in the next few years; make a mental list of what you would need to do to make that happen.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

The mighty oak tree may provide help for those who want to conceive this year. In Feng Shui, an oak tree in your back yard is a symbol of fertility, and the success of children. In fact, any oak tree on your property adds fortuitous energy for conception!

To focus the energy you want to attract into your life now, hang a small chime or bell from a branch of the tree to call in the fertility energy. If you don't have a tree in your yard, then find and plant an acorn. And if you don't have a yard then plant it in a flower pot. Or, better still, take a trip to a forest and plant several!

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman*)

## **Attracting Money**

While you have a strong vision of the amount of money you want to make this year, you would often rather not deal with money. You wish it would just appear in your bank account, not be so troublesome and elusive. This is a year to look at how you think and what you believe about money, and make a shift at a core level. In other words, there's lots of money out there for you, but there's a block to you having it—and that block is you.

You can make an internal shift and start attracting money more easily. You've been in a rut with regards to money, either in your spending habits, or how you make it. Time to try something new. First clear out negative thinking. It's very hard to attract abundance, when one has scarcity mentality. In March it will be especially important to focus on how much money there really is around you, and then reach out and take it.

Sometime in late March or in April you will happen upon a small wind-fall; you only need to reach out and take hold of it. Allow yourself to be open to new sources of income and you will bring an opportunity into your life.

In general your investments do well this year. You have a good sense of where to put your money. However, be cautious during the month of September. A friend may ask you to invest with him or her, but this deal is not as sound as they think.

You can rely on a pretty steady flow of money coming in from your job or career. This is good, as it shows no interruption of income. However, you don't show a lot of energy for raises and bonuses. To earn more this year you will have to negotiate. Emphasize your abilities to be a team player, your loyalty to the company, and how you take quick action when needed. This will help the boss see your worth.



To attract more money this year, take loose Chinese coins and place them over the doors in the house. Also, find strings of Chinese coins and hang them from door knobs and drawer pulls. Place coins all over the house especially near the front and back doors.

### **New Job or Career**

There is lots of positive energy around your career this year. In 2015 you will make good progress in this direction. You are able to realize promotions and business opportunities now, you planted the seeds for some these successes as much as a decade ago. Dog natives need to extend themselves this year, don't be shy. Opportunities can't find you if you're hiding.

As early as February you will be noticed by a person of power and consequence. This person could take you under their wing and become a mentor for you. You can also facilitate this meeting by contacting organizations that pair up career and business people with experienced mentors, the more mentors available in the group, the better.



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If you want to change jobs this year you will find a lot of professional support to do so. You can get help with letters of recommendation and referrals for interviews. Put together your resume and really talk to people about your accomplishments. This is a good year to tell the world what you can do.

If you own a business you will see opportunities to expand, or even sell your company this year. You're finding your niche and your marketing is targeting the right customers. You will streamline your operations and make your company more profitable. Towards the end of the year there will be lots of good managers and employees to choose from. This comes at the perfect time, as you will need the help.



Even though you have lots of positive energy this year for career, you want the energy to flow. Hang a windsock or flag outside, either by your front door or on your patio/balcony. Choose a colorful one, something bright to make you happy when you see it; you might also switch out the banner for each holiday. Or, you can choose one in the form of a fish (fish represent abundance). This will attract a constant flow of energy and bring you more opportunities.

## **Education**

You may want to study this year, you may be thinking of taking some classes; you may even be going back to college. But there proves to be some roadblocks on your path to higher learning. Scheduling problems can delay the start of your studies. Or, you may find the classes you want to take conflict with your work schedule. This is going to take some effort to work out.

That said, if the classes are part of a continuing education requirement for your profession, don't put it off to the last minute. Keep your professional certifications up-to-date. Also, give yourself the time you need to study, or you'll end up taking your exam twice. Even if you can only study for five minutes a day, these minutes will lead to a better result than trying to cram everything in the night before the test.

## **Legal Matters**

You're not very lucky in legal matters this year, so it's best to stay clear of court if you can avoid it. Try to settle matters with the help of a stern letter from you attorney, rather than actually facing a judge. Court decisions could go terribly wrong, especially in September.

Also, be wary of signing contracts. Have contracts reviewed by a lawyer, or at least ask a friend to help you read the fine print. Do not sign without reading this year. Some of the clauses contained in some contracts will make the deal very difficult for you in the future. You may even have to walk away from something you want, because you can't get a fair deal. Don't worry, there will be other deals in the future.

You may be doing a deal related to Real Estate this year. You may be signing a new lease or refinancing your home. Even though these contracts can be quite standard, read them over carefully and be very certain to avoid signing in September if at all possible.

## **Health and Well-Being**

Your health is quite good this year. You have been working on yourself and it shows. You have also been working on your internal, spiritual self. And you're starting to let go of negative self-talk. Congratulations! Continue to do this work, and you will see some marvelous results this year.

Your legs and feet may need a little extra attention this year. If you are a runner or play a running sport, give yourself time to fully heal from a past injury. While you show good power for healing this year, re-injuring yourself will just slow the process.

This year you need a vacation. July and August would be a good time to plan a getaway. You need a break from technology, so unplug your phone and listen to nature for a few days. Find a place that's beautiful and lay back and allow yourself some peaceful rest.



The gourd represents healthy energy. If you've ever seen depictions of Quan Yin, the gourd is the little object she is holding in her hand—it looks like a type of bottle. Sometimes you can find the gourd image shape carved out of Jade, made from metal, or you can even find natural, dried and artistically painted gourds. Place a gourd or the symbol of the gourd in your kitchen or bedroom. The gourd represents a long healthy and happy life.

This year Dog natives need to implement a bit more protection energy than usual. Perhaps the reason this is important is because you are going new places and meeting new people. You benefit from taking some time to make sure your family, property and person are safe.

This year it's wise to put together an emergency kit for yourself and your family (don't forget about your pets). Stock up on supplies, gather items for a basic first aid kit, and have some bottled water on hand. There is the possibility of natural disasters in all areas of the world this year. So it's a good idea to have at least a few days of food and water put aside so you can hunker down at home if something happens close to you, or a kit to take with you in case you need to leave in a hurry.

This is also a good year for you to protect your private financial information. Have strong passwords and change them periodically. Shred sensitive documents before you put them in the trash. And be suspicious of emails that come with dire messages and attachments—even if they look like they're coming from your own bank. Be cautious and you will stay safe.



For extra protection energy, those born in the year of the Dog can carry a piece Hematite with them. Hematite is an unusual stone which looks like metal. You can carry this stone with you in a purse or pocket, or find a pendant or bracelet to wear made with Hematite. Wear the piece anytime you want to feel a little extra courage.

### **2015 Action to Take**

Your reputation is important to you, and this year it is particularly so. You will move up in business by knowing the right people. You will enjoy more social success when you are ushered in by the host. You will meet people who will help you in the future when you network at the right places.

One way to facilitate these “door opening” opportunities is to take the time to repair doors in your home this year. Literally! Go around and fix any broken door in your house. Check to make sure your doors close properly, knobs work and locks lock. Oil or lubricate doors so they don’t squeak (a squeaky door means the neighbors will gossip about you). Do both the external doors as well as internal ones. Then you will find new (metaphorical) doors “opening” for you everywhere.



## **Pig/Boar**

January 30, 1911 — February 17, 1912: Yin Metal Pig/Boar  
February 16, 1923 — February 4, 1924: Yin Water Pig/Boar  
February 4, 1935 — January 23, 1936: Yin Wood Pig/Boar  
January 22, 1947 — February 9, 1948: Yin Fire Pig/Boar  
February 8, 1959 — January 27, 1960: Yin Earth Pig/Boar  
January 27, 1971 — January 15, 1972: Yin Metal Pig/Boar  
February 13, 1983 — February 1, 1984: Yin Water Pig/Boar  
January 31, 1995 — February 18, 1996: Yin Wood Pig/Boar  
February 18, 2007 — February 6, 2008: Yin Fire Pig/Boar  
February 5, 2019 — January 24, 2020: Yin Earth Pig/Boar

## **Pig Personality**

There are two Signs of the Chinese zodiac that nobody ever seems to want to be, and one of them is Pig (or Boar) (the other, in case you haven't guessed it already, is Rat). Even so, you should understand Pig is one of the best signs to be! Pig is the symbol of the prosperity and good fortune of the family.

When considering the qualities of a Chinese Zodiac creature, it's a good idea to consider the traits, behaviors and personality of the animal and

associate our traditional knowledge about the animal with the metaphorical or symbolic creature who is part of the zodiac. Throughout history and in many cultures there are traditions and stories about the pig.

The ancestor of the domesticated pig is the wild boar. While male wild boar are usually solitary, the females and piglets live in groups and welcome the males at breeding season. For this reason the Chinese zodiac sign of Pig (sometimes also called Boar) represents one of the most sociable signs. This sign is known for being community-minded and gregarious.

The animal pig is an omnivore, consuming both plants and animals. Natives born in the Chinese Zodiac sign of the Pig/Boar are known for their culinary abilities (or at least their love of great food). They are also very good hosts, who provide their guests with lots of comforts and splendid meals.

The animal pig, is known for his exceedingly acute sense of smell. People born under this Chinese Zodiac sign are known to be very discerning, able to suss out what's really going on in a situation. Scientists tell us that in social situations when we are connecting with others whom we may not know (or not know well), we often use our sense of smell to determine friend or foe. People born in the Year of the Pig are better able to access this ability in their daily lives.

At home Pig loves a social gathering. The kitchen is always filled with ingredients—should they be needed for an impromptu party. At the sound of the doorbell, Pig is ready to greet guests. And the people who come to the party are lucky; Pig does whatever he or she can to make their guests feel welcome and comfortable. This doesn't necessarily mean that the house is spotless, some Pig natives keep a very messy house, but they will still welcome guests with open arms.

In the business world Pig is often underestimated. On the outside they seem “sweet”, almost gullible; and they almost never seem to be able to

say “No!”. However, Pig is quite smart, is ready to take on a leadership role whenever called upon to do so.

Pigs do not like confrontation and are always looking for a win-win situation; they also dismiss insults and shrug off negativity very easily. Should you hire a Pig to work for you in your struggling business, they will devote their time and energy towards building your success.

Pigs love to be generous. They love to see a smile on someone else’s face. They love the good things in life, gourmet food, designer clothing, the upscale or even exotic car. They are looking for a life of luxury, comfort and ease, and they’re willing to put some effort into your being comfortable, too.

On the other hand Pigs can trip themselves up with the excessive rules and limitations they put upon themselves. When crossed by others they can respond very aggressively, which can be quite a shock to the person on the receiving end.

Pig natives are susceptible to lawsuits and can become entangled for years. Because they like to see the best in people, they can be swindled, and they need to watch out for con-men. Pig has a warm heart and when things don’t go well in their lives, they can be subject to depression. Their desire for perfection can overwhelm them, resulting in increased stress.

### **Pig: Predictions for 2015**

After the rough and tumble Horse year of 2014, you will be happy to know that 2015 will be a successful year; you feel in harmony with the energy. The sensitive nature of Sheep is very familiar to you. Allowing your intuition to come into play—both in the sense of reading the energy in the space, and also reading the people around you—will help you to achieve the results you want this year. You will experience more opportunities in career and relationships, as well as more support from



the people around you. Tell people about your goals and let them help you manifest.

This is a year when you will find your particular skills of empathy and negotiation really pay off. The more social you are this year, the more you will gain. Focus on building a network of people to help you. Find new friends and reconnect with old acquaintances. Stock up the pantry because you'll be having parties. You will also be on many guest lists this year. Get your wardrobe together, because invitations are coming.

When it comes to business and finances you'll need to pay attention, or you may leave a lot of money on the table. Ask yourself what you want out of the situation or negotiation, and then take bold action—better to apologize later than to hesitate asking for what you want! On the flip side, many will be asking for your help. However, 2015 is a year to put your needs first. Your overly generous nature can get you into trouble, especially when bills come due. Take your slice of the pie first, and if there's any left over, you can share the rest.

This year, 2015, the energy is Yin and you are Yin. This brings harmony. So in spite of whatever problems and issues show up this year, you will have the time and energy you need to handle what comes. You understand the flow of energy this year. You'll know when to wait, when to watch, and when to act.

For much of the year your timing will be spot on. And you need to trust in this. Even if you arrive late, you find you've made it on time for what's really important. And if you forget something, you find you didn't really need it after all.

Yin is about yielding and understanding some things can be moved more quickly, not through force, but by gentle guidance. Think of the aikido master who takes his opponents energy, and effortlessly sends him flying across the room. Or, think of a tiny seed, flexible and delicate, yet it can break through the concrete of a sidewalk to find the sunlight.

The natural element of Pig is Water, and this is a Wood year. Water feeds Wood. This means your inclination is to use your personal energy to support others. You will need to guard against becoming depleted as you try to help all your friends and family. There is always a danger if the smaller tries to support the larger, like when one Pig tries to save the world!

You will need to find a way to replenish yourself. You must schedule time off—not just vacations, but short periods of time each week to rejuvenate yourself. It will be helpful to have water in your environment (a spa day now and again could be very nice, too). This can provide you with extra energy. Perhaps adding water to your space can take the form of fountains or fish tanks? Or perhaps you have a pool in your yard? If none of these are possible, make it a point to visit water, oceans, lakes, and rivers.

### **Attract New Love**

It's not that love is hard to find in 2015, it's the fact you're too busy to make an appearance, so it can find you! It's important you try to put yourself forward and make your presence known. On the positive side, you can be like a fly on the wall, hearing what people think about you when they don't think you're around.

This year it's important to get out a little and have some fun. If you're always at work or always at home, it's very hard for new love to find you. Look for new groups to socialize with, find a sport you like, take a class, or just sit in a busy coffee shop. Let the world see you.

There is one dark spot on this bright prediction for love: you may be tempted by a lover from the past. No one has a bigger heart than those born in the Year of the Pig, but you should be warned: you could easily lose both head and heart to the sweet words this person whispers. The problem is they are just words, with no action to back them up. This is

the same person you knew before with the same problems and issues. Don't go down that road again.

This year you can attract a new love by changing something about your appearance. Add some color to your wardrobe—think about purple or deep blue, or red and orange. Consider a change in hairstyle or hair color. Any shift you make in your appearance will be noticed by others and admired.



To attract lots of love possibilities get a heart-shaped box. The box can be made out of wood, stone or fabric. Choose red or a really hot pink. Write your wishes for a new love on small pieces of paper and place them inside the box. Then place this box on your bedside table to attract love and romance.

### **Peach Blossom Luck**

Peach Blossom luck is traditionally used to attract love—especially for people who want to get married soon. This cure is used by people who

are looking for a serious love relationship, not by those who are simply looking for a fling.

Peach Blossom luck is a concept based on the *four pillars of destiny* (of which your specific Zodiac Sign is a part). Despite the name, there are no actual peaches used in this cure. Many people have successfully used the Peach Blossom Luck cure to attract a great partner. Your Peach Blossom Luck cure is to place a blue rat in the North part of the bedroom.

### **Enhance Existing Love**

Pig natives can expect their existing relationship to grow stronger. The depth of your mutual understanding increases week by week, you seem to enjoy each other more. This is the year to spend time “playing” together. You already share chores, child rearing duties, and you both work hard. Now this year, it’s time to focus on having fun!

You will have an opportunity to travel to a new place as a couple. The destination may be family-related, such as a wedding or family reunion; or the trip may be across water, a fun-filled cruise perhaps? Choose an enjoyable destination you both can look forward to visiting. This is not a good year for you to suffer in silence while heading to a destination you really don’t want to visit.

There is a bump in the road in September, and you may be feeling neglected. Your partner may be working too much, or may be away on business. You might be feeling unappreciated—or worse, suspect your spouse’s attentions are straying. It’s really important to begin August expressing any feelings you have been building up. Talk things through with each other, rather than just spending time talking to your friends about your partner.



If you're in an existing relationship and you want to increase the fidelity energy, place a pair of Mandarin Ducks on your bedside table or dresser. These ducks are known to mate for life and they are a symbol of marital bliss.

### **Family and Kids**

Life is generally peaceful this year; the family is getting along with one another. And you're finally feeling at home—like you have everything in the place you want it to be. Towards the beginning of the year you may find you need to deal with some clutter. Clearing this out will bring new opportunities for you and the whole family. In May and/or June there are strong possibilities of visitors arriving, and they may be staying longer than you think. They feel the peacefulness and happiness in your household and they want to extend their visit.

Parties at home are highlighted this year. This is a good year to bring the people you care about together and celebrate whenever you can. You can have a monthly informal get-together where you watch sports and barbecue, or perhaps every few months have a formal dinner party. Whatever you plan will bring lots of joy into the house.

### **Looking to Conceive?**

Wheat is a symbol of fertility and an affirmation of life. This may surprise the growing number of gluten-free people, but good news—you don't have to eat wheat to benefit from the positive fertility energy.

Try growing wheat-grass as a house plant. Using a square or rectangular pot, plant wheat seeds and place in a sunny, bedroom window. The wheat will grow into tender blades of grass. If you don't have good light in your bedroom, just move the planter each day to a sunny window, and then move the planter back to the bedroom at night.

(From Donna Stellhorn's book, *[A Path to Pregnancy: Ancient Secrets for the Modern Woman](#)*)

### **Attracting Money**

Your financial picture is changing this year. Most of the time change feels scary, most people prefer keeping things under control rather than have things shift or change. But in this case, change is a good thing—at least over the long haul. This change will lead to a better financial picture over the next couple of years. It can even bring a windfall this year. But what's most likely is a small interruption in income, possibly a temporary decrease as you make some big change in your life which ultimately leads to greater rewards in the future.

Sometimes the energy of change, like the one for you this year, is noted when people make a career change. Other times it's when they start a business or turn a hobby into a business, and they experience an outgo/

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outflow, or the spending of large amounts of time and cash at the beginning. So, while income is still coming in, the fact there is so much energy going out feels like you have less disposable income for your usual expenses.

What's very important in your financial life this year is to allow change to happen. Try not to clamp down and block the flow of money in your life. If you need to make an investment in your business, make the investment. Or if you're using your money for something to bring future income, this is a good place to put your money. If shifting your career track would make you happier, or if it would cut your commute time, or if it would allow you to move up in the company, it's worth a short-term pay cut to make the switch.

Investments start out pretty strong. Keep money flowing into investments early in the year. Towards the middle of the year someone will come to you with an investment idea. Much due diligence will be needed to see if this investment is really viable. Be cautious about investing with a friend, as you may lose both money and the friendship. If you're looking to shift your investments around, or invest in new financial instruments, avoid doing so in September and early October.



When we are experiencing the energy of change around money, we need to prepare for the worst and focus on the best. Think of what truly wonderful thing could happen this year with regard to your income. Then think of something even better.

Write the thought (your vision) on a small piece of paper and place it under a Diamond Energy Crystal. Place the Diamond Energy Crystal on a table near front door, or in your home office on your desk. Once a month dust the crystal or wash it in water. When the wish you have written on the piece of paper is fulfilled, write a new wish and place it underneath the crystal.

### **New Job or Career**

Your career is marching forward at a steady pace. You handle your job well, and you're settled into your routine. Everything feels right...except it might be a little boring. But you like the people you work with, and so that makes the days enjoyable. Your work friends are always happy to see you (not just because you're the one who brings the snacks), and you feel you have a real connection with those around you.

Late in the year there may be a business trip or some sort of seminar to attend. While not overly enjoyable it is necessary, so try to find some benefit in the experience. It will not help you to grumble about it, nor will you be able to pass this on to someone else. So try to make the best of it.

If you want to change jobs this year, you can. Ignore headhunters who say you don't have the right qualifications. With your experience and your easy-going nature, you can find a new position with better benefits and great people to work with. Money negotiations are not usually your strong suit, so it would be wise to get a little coaching before you go in for the interview. Your skills, both technical and personal, add up to a real value for your prospective boss. Don't sell yourself short.





A School of Fish has a double meaning in Feng Shui. First, the fish themselves, represent prosperity, as the Chinese word for fish sounds like the word abundance. When a whole school of fish is depicted, the energy is “of many coming together to create abundance and prosperity”.

One of the things helping you feel prosperous is when you get to work in an environment where people really work well together. Hang a picture of a School of Fish in your office, home office, or kitchen. Choose a picture of brightly colored fish, swimming through a clear sea.

## **Education**

Education energy is very strong this year, but it’s also challenging. You may feel very compelled to go back to school, whether the budget allows for it or not. You may be feeling this is the best way to get ahead in the future, and it very well may be. However, you need to weigh the expense of school with what it will lead to.

It is very important to acquire new skills this year. If you are lacking any technological skills, you should work on those first. Look at your industry and people who are in a similar job position. What things are they focusing their energy on? Is there new software to learn? Is there new machinery to learn to run? Is there a language you need to master? What skills do you need to move forward fastest?

If your heart is set on school, then by all means this is the year to go. Carefully fill out financial aid forms, especially for grants and other free money opportunities. Leave no stone unturned when it comes to getting help funding your education. This is the strongest energy you will have for education for a while. Capitalize on it.

### **Legal Matters**

There are no surprises for you with legal matters this year. Contracts you sign will be very straightforward, almost boilerplate. It's still wise to read them, even the fine print. And don't be afraid to ask for changes. You will find in some cases people are quite amenable about striking a clause, or writing in one that's more fair. There are possibilities for contracts for real estate, a new vehicle, education, and employment.

You are lucky in lawsuits for most of the year. However, toward the end of the year—in November and December—you will have to work extra hard to win a case. If going to court, you will need to be very prepared. You may even have to do some of the things that you would normally expect your lawyer to do. If you feel your lawyer is not serving you well, do not hesitate to replace him or her.

### **Health and Well-Being**

Your health is improving this year, especially during the second half of the year. You'll find yourself cooking more, it is one of your talents you may not get to use as often as you like. You can experiment with

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some new dishes, and while the family may be hesitant, they will end up really enjoying what you put in front of them.

This is a good year to boost your health by adding exercise to your daily life. This could be most easily done by adding some gym equipment to your home, or dusting off equipment you already have. Invite a few friends over and work out together. You could even find a personal trainer and split the price with your friends. Put on some happy music and you'll have a great time.

Towards the end of the year you may have to fight a tendency towards some weight gain. Even though you are exercising, it's important to keep portion sizes under control. You might try getting some smaller dinner plates. And especially watch the portion sizes in restaurants .

As your health improves, don't neglect regular medical visits. You can also look into alternative care to supplement your medical regimen. This is a good year to try acupuncture, yoga or massage. Most often those born in the year of the Pig spend their time focusing on other people. Your health will improve as you pay more attention to yourself.



Burn a white candle about once a month this year to clear away negative health energy. Sometimes negative energy can build up in the house. This can happen when we are stressed because there are difficulties in the neighborhood, or even because we feel fear or sadness due to what we see on the news. Burn a white candle to clear that negativity away. You can burn the candle in your living room or family room. Choose a candle style you like—like a tea light or votive.

In general, this is a pretty safe year for you. The only difficult period is actually right at the beginning. In January and February you're a little bit more vulnerable to thieves, especially ones prowling around the Internet. Make sure you guard and protect your passwords, don't open questionable or suspicious attachments, and shred any financial data before you put in the trash. After February you won't need to be quite as vigilant (although these days vigilance is a good thing).

When you're out in the world meeting others this year, you will find some genuinely good people. You'll make some new friends and find people who have hearts as big as your own. You won't need to run after people, they'll be coming to you. Nor do you need to do anything to retain their friendship, just be yourself. Towards September there may be a loss, a friend may be moving away or moving on. Don't miss opportunities to spend time with the people you love.



For a little extra protection energy this year, plant lilac in your garden, or get some dried lilac buds and mix with some potpourri in a bowl. Place the bowl by your front door (inside or out). Ancient stories tell of lilac driving away evil. It helps attract positive energy and keeps negativity away. In Winter you can sprinkle a little dried lilac on your doorstep. And when Spring comes, plant this beautiful flower.

### **2015 Action to Take**

This is a good year to really focus in on what you want to achieve over the next few years. The energy is shifting, so ask for some new things to come into your life. Avoid asking for things to stay the same—because they won't.

Think of what you'd like and then think of something even little better! And write down these happy thoughts on a piece of paper. Place the paper inside your pillow case, and sleep on it. As you move around in your sleep, your brain will hear the slight rustling of the paper, and your wish will go into your subconscious, helping you to manifest it.



## **Compatibility Between Signs**

In this section of *Chinese Astrology: 2014, Year of the Wood Horse*, I will explain a little about compatibility between the Chinese Zodiac signs with regard to love and friendship. Sometimes a pairing of two signs isn't the most auspicious. We can often improve the energy by placing a Feng Shui Crystal cure to support the relationship.

Feng Shui Crystals are round, cut glass crystals which have a prismatic effect. When light hits the crystal, a rainbow of glittering, shiny light prisms twinkle around ceiling, walls, or floor. Shiny things attract energy, so the sparkling crystal attracts energy to balance the relationship.



Cut glass crystals come in many shapes, but round is the most balanced and harmonious shape, so it's used to balance relationship energy. Whenever a Feng Shui Crystal is called for, you can use a clear one (clear crystals are the easiest to find), or you can use colored crystals to bring in the energy of one of the five elements.

Use green to represent the Wood element if you want to increase growth, and prosperity.

Use blue to represent the Water element, to activate good communication, flow, and harmony.

Use amber or yellow to represent the Earth element, to bring stability and longevity.

Use red to represent the Fire element, to stimulate energy and passion.

And use clear to represent the Metal element, to attract resources and business success.

Along with the compatibility listings below, you will find suggestions about where to place the crystal if your relationship needs some help. Choose a green crystal if troubles in the relationship are because of finances. Choose a blue crystal if the problems in the relationship center around communication.

Choose an amber or yellow crystal if there has been infidelity and you want to try to heal the relationship. Choose a red crystal if there's been a lack of passion, romance, and sex. And choose a clear crystal to come closer together, and to receive help and support from your partner.

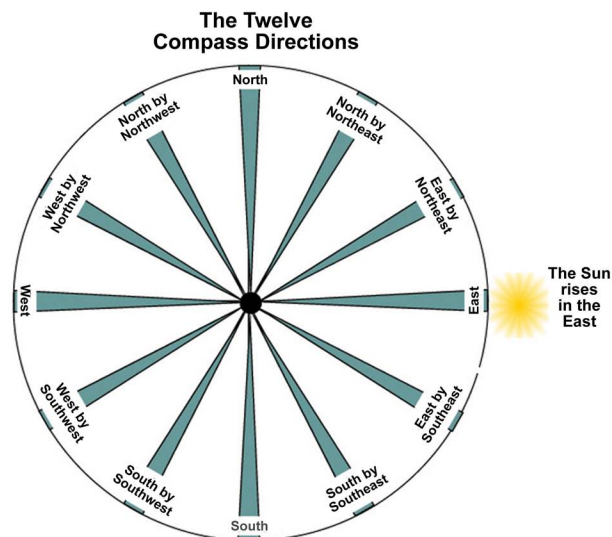
To find the correct direction for placing the crystal, think of your home and the rising sun. The sun always rises in the east. The sun sets in the west. If you know where the sun rises and sets in relation to your home, you will be able to identify the other cardinal directions, north and south very easily. (Hint: Google Maps aerial view can make this task



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very easy, as it always shows north as up, south is down, to the left is west and to the right is east.).

To find the inner directions such as north by north west, find north and find west. Half way between these two is northwest. North by north west is half way between north and northwest.



Here's a diagram Place this diagram on the floor, east pointing towards the rising sun. And the diagram will help you find the right direction for placing the appropriate crystal.

If you can place the crystal in a window, it will catch the most light. If there is no window in that direction, hang the crystal on a lamp, on a plant, on a drawer pull, or simply from a hook on the wall. To see all the different ways to use Feng Shui Crystals, and how to hang them, go to [www.fengshuiform.com](http://www.fengshuiform.com).



We can divide the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac into four groups. Each group has some key personality traits:

Rat, Dragon, Monkey are the action-oriented ones. The Rat takes care of the details, the Dragon has the big ideas, and the Monkey is able to improve on the skills of others.

Ox, Snake, and Rooster are the deep thinkers. The Ox is methodical, thinking things through thoroughly. The Snake is wise, and sees things from various perspectives. And the Rooster is alert and aware of everything going on around him.

Tiger, Horse, and Dog are the freedom lovers. The Tiger is impulsive: he sees what he wants and pounces. The Horse runs across the prairies and lands with power and grace. And the Dog can work alone or within a group, and still retain his independence

Rabbit, Sheep, and Pig are the peace lovers. The Rabbit is diplomatic, and can bring opposing forces together. The Sheep is the humanitarian, wanting to bring peace to the world. And the Pig is the homebody, wanting to create comfort and peace for the family.

## Chinese Zodiac Signs and Compatibility



### Rat Compatibility

**Rat with Rat:** Well suited and lots of fun. Always busy, doing things, making deals, and making money. You'll need to respect each others' time and secrets. Occasionally you'll need time apart as much as you need to be together. If you find one of you is too bossy, or you both need to focus a little more on the big picture and the future, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North side of the house.

**Rat with Ox:** A happy and long-lasting relationship. You will benefit from Ox's stability and strength. You are both optimistic, and enjoy the little things in life. You can start the job and know that Ox will be there to help you finish it. If you find your partner is stubborn and not open to your ideas, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Rat with Tiger:** Hot and cold, with lots of energy and excitement in this relationship. Sometimes the Tiger will ignore the little Rat, and sometimes the Tiger will be surprised at how loud a Rat can squeak. If Tiger's unpredictable ways get on your nerves, you can steady this relationship by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Rat with Rabbit:** Arguments after the fling is what we have here. You are both clever, but a little too clever. One wants commitment and the other wants freedom, and neither wants the same thing at the same time. If you find Rabbit too passive and you're looking for more dedication to this relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East side of the house.

**Rat with Dragon:** Happiness abounds when the Rat joins with the powerful Dragon. The relationship can be very intense. But use caution (and flattery) because if you break the spell there is no putting the broken relationship back together again. If you find Dragon's head in the clouds and need a more grounded partner to help you with the day-to-day parts of the relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast side of the house.

**Rat with Snake:** Volatile pair that sometimes can be a good relationship...at least until the Snake gets hungry. Avoid being on the menu. This is more of a learning experience than a love match. If you find Snake too secretive and a little on the manipulative side, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Rat with Horse:** Unhappy pair who can't really see eye to eye. You find Horse's needs exhausting. If you get into this relationship, keep a life raft handy. You'll be paddling to shore in no time. If you insist this is the relationship of your dreams and you want Horse to settle down and be not so restless, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Rat with Sheep:** Poor match because the sensitivity of the Sheep is no match for your quick tongue. Communication starts out well, but there will be problems with words, and that will be the end of the relationship. You would think with horns, he wouldn't have such a thin skin. If you find you only see eye to eye when you're pampering your Sheep partner, and you want to have things be a little more equal, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Rat with Monkey:** Very lively meeting of people from different worlds. Monkey can take Rat on the trip of a lifetime and open new worlds. It's the unlikely pair in love. You will give each other new perspectives on life and living. But if all the excitement and Monkey's high energy starts to wear on you, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Rat with Rooster:** Need to work hard at this to make it work at all. You are natural barnyard enemies, both hunting for the same big prize—and not just chicken feed. So you're better off avoiding this cage-match. If you find yourself with an overly critical Rooster on your hands, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Rat with Dog:** Lots of energy and togetherness; this is good for you! You both enjoy being out and about, enjoying others and each other. However, you may find you have trouble finding personal space. Dog will tag along wherever you go, and keep trying to pull you back home. If you feel your life being restricted by Dog's constant bark, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Rat with Pig:** Picture this charming pair of homebodies, both taking care of the other. There is optimum togetherness when you want it, and alone time when you need it. And Pig keeps the house cozy and warm. If you find all this happiness and optimism is maxing out your credit cards, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Ox Compatibility**

**Ox with Rat:** You are a happy, practical pair that compliment each other. You have the potential here for a very stable relationship with benefits for both partners. Rat sees the details, and your tireless energy can envision what will become of them. If you find Rat is too picky about the small things and can't get the big picture, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Ox with Ox:** A caring pair where each is interested in the comfort and security of the other. Not exciting to others, perhaps, but you can be quite content. You can enjoy decades of holding hands and feeling safe, as the cold winters blow outside. While you can remain content for long periods, should you want to add some fun (or at least a break from the constant work), hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Ox with Tiger:** Your goals in life are entirely different, as are your methods of pursuing outcome. This cat doesn't come when he's called (what cat does). There are quarrels that lead to nowhere. Build a stable home, and Tiger looks for the door. If you want this temperamental kitty with claws to be your lifelong partner you have some work ahead. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Ox with Rabbit:** A so-so match. You want stability and clear rules, and Rabbit wants some pampering and kindness. It takes a while to get this one to work, but when it does, it lasts. He can be your lucky Rabbit in the end. But if your honey-bunny spends his or her time sulking in the corner and being overly sensitive, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Ox with Dragon:** Tricky pair; expect battles to start from day one. These are two powerful forces with two different ideas of what a relationship is and should be. Ding goes the bell, and the fight begins. If you can see the strong qualities in each of you there's hope. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Ox with Snake:** Supportive, though there can be some conflicts. This is the strong Yin and Yang: together, opposite sides of the same coin. You need each other, and over time with Snake's clever thinking and your perseverance, you both can prosper. While Snake can make an attractive partner, if they are draining your bank account on clothes and toys, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Ox with Horse:** Difficult match for you. The Horse is fast and careless, compared to your slow and thoughtful ways. There is little Horse can give you that you really want, and so you're more likely to send him on his way. If you want to stable this pony and try to make this restless soul settle down, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Ox with Sheep:** Steer clear, this one is trouble from beginning to end. You will have to be exceptionally patient to ride this one out. After butting heads for a while, heart break is the most likely ending. You can make this work if you have deep pockets, but it's more likely he/she will spend the money when they're feeling hurt or insecure. To balance the energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Ox with Monkey:** Love and joy can abound with this combo. Monkey will bring you good times and surprises every day. That will make your steady life more interesting. And once the Monkey settles down, the match can be good for both. If you find Monkey is only interested in him- or herself, and too independent for your peaceful dream of a relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Ox with Rooster:** Good match for these barnyard pals. You both understand the need for hard work, and Rooster appreciates your patience and understanding. You like having someone around who can mind the details. Together you're the soul of productivity, if you would like to have a bit more romance, or at least the occasional cuddle, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Ox with Dog:** Possibly good, but too many compromises will be required. This is too much Yin energy together; communication will suffer. Both of you are hesitant to lead. Let the Dog go and see if he comes back of his own accord. And if you are tired of coming home and always finding a house full of people, or your partner is always on the phone, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Ox with Pig:** This needs effort and adjustments on both sides. If there is chemistry (and good cooking) the relationship may last. But most likely the Pig won't respect your goals and effort. And you get frustrated with his/her play-all-the-time attitude. There can be harmony if there is an understanding of the work and sacrifice it takes to create a financially stable home. If overspending is a problem, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Tiger Compatibility**

**Tiger with Rat:** Hot during the chase, and cold when caught, Rat is not a great match for you. Rat is too cynical to see your splendid qualities, and it will need to be taught how to behave. This is more work than you want to do. If you're thinking this is a mouse you want to keep, but the pettiness and demands are hurting the relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Tiger with Ox:** Needs effort to keep from being a boring relationship. You might think that Ox will help you settle down and get serious, but in the end you are just bitter from having all the fun taken out of your life. But if you long for an established relationship that will withstand a bitter winter, or a really wild party, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Tiger with Tiger:** Happiness...with claws. As long as you both retain your thick skins, this will be a happy, fun relationship. But arguments can get nasty, so be ready to forgive each other later—and keep bandages on hand. Of course making up can be the most fun, and what's life about but having fun? So hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Tiger with Rabbit:** Can be good, but Rabbits are not known for their decisive action. You'll have to be patient with this one, and prepared



to leap into the fray of this relationship without waiting for the careful Rabbit to make the first move. If this Rabbit keeps sprinting away and you want to lure him/her back, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Tiger with Dragon:** Explosive power of you and the Dragon are legendary, and may make for either the most exciting relationship ever, or you'll both knock the world off it's axis. If you want to be looked up to, this is not your match. But if you can work things out and share the leadership roles, giving credit where credit's due this can work. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Tiger with Snake:** Steer clear no matter how attracted you are! You are not going to easily get the Snake's attention, and as soon as your back is turned, he's moved on. You can chase again but after awhile it just gets tiresome. When you leave, Snake chases you; and when you are available, Snake is off without a care. To get this match together, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Tiger with Horse:** Good ally out in the world, but there may be a conflict about who has to stay home and do the dishes. If you can accept and be happy with a unstable relationship, then grab an apron and give this one a try. Or, better still, pool your creative minds and social nature and make enough money to hire a maid. Stimulate this energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Tiger with Sheep:** Can work it out over time, but the Sheep will be cautious. You will have to follow rules given to you by the Sheep, and this can bring conflicts into the relationship. Your impetuous nature will not be appreciated by Mr./Ms. Planner. If you find Sheep too clingy (which surprises you, you thought you were the one with claws) and you wish he or she had more confidence, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Tiger with Monkey:** It's very difficult to catch a Monkey that's swinging from tree to tree. You might be attracted to one playing hard

to get, but after a while it's no fun always being the one who has to chase...even for a Tiger. If you want to make this work but Monkey's loud, know-it-all behavior is grating on your nerves, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Tiger with Rooster:** You come from different worlds, so once at home there's not much to talk about. You feel bossed around by the nagging Rooster who's frustrated that you don't seem to fall in line like the other chickens. If you find he or she is always on you about your spending and your inability to do the laundry right, smooth things over by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Tiger with Dog:** Strong ally and a good match for you. The Dog can keep the home fires burning while you prowl the world for wealth to bring home. There are a few differences of opinion, but the good definitely outweighs the bad. Sometimes it's hard to get Dog to agree to quick vacation or a last minute party but you can bring some energy to this partnership by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Tiger with Pig:** Good match if you take it slow. Pigs can be a little nervous facing Tiger's mandibles of death (actually that's just your smile). But if you approach Pig with gentle understanding, Pig will comfort and take care of you. You both have a tendency to help others before yourselves, so if you find you're giving away too many resources to hapless friends, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Rabbit Compatibility**

**Rabbit with Rat:** You may argue and fight, and this doesn't make your peace-loving nature very happy. Rat will have too many demands for you, so a long term relationship will be very challenging. You may seem similar, but your differences are huge. If your Rat partner is running you ragged with work and social plans, temper the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Rabbit with Ox:** If you want a long term relationship, this one can work—after you get past the boredom of the stable Ox. However, if you are looking for a fling, look elsewhere. Be in this one for the long haul, or not at all. If you find your Ox partner is not the one to sit down and have a good discussion about feelings and the relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Rabbit with Tiger:** Can be good if you like being pursued, and what Rabbit doesn't. If you're caught by the Tiger you can have a happy relationship...after you teach him to behave. **Tip:** Play hard to get even after you've been got. If you find this energetic Tiger keeps you up all hours discussing life and relationships and you just want a peaceful time holding hands, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Rabbit with Rabbit:** The pair of you are truly loving and having endless fun. You will play and laugh and bring each other tokens of your affection. You can cuddle in front of a fire or talk until you fall asleep in

each others arms. If you find, however, your bunny-buddy is not doing his or her share of the home duties, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Rabbit with Dragon:** Hard going at first, but things get easier over time. The Dragon is a bit of a show-off and hogs your stage. He may think you're small, but you're packed with power and easily a match for any Dragon. Your Dragon has big ideas for both home and business, and if you want to bring him or her back down to earth, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Rabbit with Snake:** It'll take hard work to get this to be a happy match. The Snake may want you for a relationship, or just for dinner. Once you're in this relationship, you will be looking for a way out of it. You both have good taste and a desire for a good life but if you're keeping secrets from each other, trouble is ahead. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Rabbit with Horse:** Can work it out as friends, even if it doesn't work out as lovers. There are a few conflicts here and there, but in the long run there are many possibilities with this match. Just don't try to possess this one. Horse may want to run free, but he'll keep coming back. Trouble can come when your Horse partner does everything by intuition rather than as a result of discussion between the two of you. If more sharing is needed, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Rabbit with Sheep:** Great fun at times, because you'll always win against a Sheep. And the Sheep will love you and keep trying. If you give a little to this relationship, the Sheep will give a lot. This could be the peace and happiness you've been waiting for. Your Sheep partner will be quick to depend on you and this can make you feel great, but if the dependence becomes a burden, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Rabbit with Monkey:** You'll need effort to understand the changeable and tricky Monkey. This is not a match that happens easily. You could be in danger of getting your heart broken by bad Monkey if you're not careful. If he or she is not understanding your feelings, and is glossing over your anxieties, you may feel this Monkey's mocking you. Balance this relationship by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Rabbit with Rooster:** Many conflicts with this noisy bird who's constantly pecking and prodding you. Rabbits are the silent ones, and these Roosters are constantly making noises at you—too much so to make you happy. If your Rooster partner is telling all the friends and neighbors the intimate details of what works and doesn't work in your relationship, you can create a tighter bond between you by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Rabbit with Dog:** More chasing than actually having fun. The Dog will make lots of demands on you, and you may find this relationship quite tiring in the beginning. If it lasts, it can grow into a real loving relationship, but it will take quite a bit of work. The loyalty of this partner can make this match worth it, but if you find the communication is just not flowing, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Rabbit with Pig:** Superb match; both of you can have a lot of fun. But if you get bored, you may try to create a little drama in the relationship just to stir things up. And that could backfire big time! Once Pig's feelings are hurt, it will hard to tempt him back. Count your blessings, as your Pig partner can be devoted to you; and if you find his or her attention on you is not strong enough, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Dragon Compatibility**

**Dragon with Rat:** Suitable match where both feel compatibility and interested in one another. You can explore the world together. You will have secrets and so will Rat, but the secrets won't hurt the relationship. Learn to trust, and Rat will take your grand ideas and turn them into reality. There is much the two of you can accomplish, although sometimes Rat will keep a tight hold on the purse strings. If you need to balance this energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Dragon with Ox:** Tricky times with the stubborn Ox will make the relationship rather exhausting. If you hold on, you can smooth things out and have a good long term relationship. And this can happen, because Dragons are said to live a thousand years. You love to dream up new ideas but your Ox partner could be unsympathetic if he or she doesn't see immediate results. To temper this energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Dragon with Tiger:** Requires patience and understanding, as together you represent two powerful Yang forces. Those around you might not believe the relationship will work out, but if you don't make too many demands on each other, you have a chance at a happy time with the Tiger. With two leaders and no followers there can be some fights, even

out the “eventful” energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Dragon with Rabbit:** Hard going at first, but you will soon find the Rabbit really admires your good qualities. Rabbit also helps you strengthen some areas where you are weak: like being calm and quiet. And you can help Rabbit be more detached and able to deal with the world. If you can let Rabbit have a soft place to land, you two will get along just fine. In the meantime hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Dragon with Dragon:** The best or the worst relationship for you. You love to be the center of attention and so will your partner. This will work if the two of you can share the stage. It can be glorious, or it can be a battle. You could make an enviable couple and rule the social scene. Agree now that you, together, will hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house to make this happen.

**Dragon with Snake:** Can be good as friends, but as lovers things tend to break down. Snake wants you to try harder in the relationship, but your attitude is, “It will work if it’s meant to be.” This causes the Snake to eventually slither away. If you feel that holding on to this relationship is going to benefit you both, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Dragon with Horse:** Lively pair; this combination can bring both fun and fights. You may become irritated that the Horse always thinks you’re up to something. There will be more physical compatibility than intellectual or emotional. You both have a lot of energy but no patience for mundane tasks; create enough income to hire help by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Dragon with Sheep:** Sheep thought he was on top of the world until he saw you flying overhead. You may want this relationship to work, but Sheep may get frightened by your power and energy. Coax him in slowly before you reveal all your greatness to him. If you feel strongly

about this relationship, you can put in the effort; and to help temper your Sheep partner's moods, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Dragon with Monkey:** Good pair because you admire Monkey's cleverness. And you have the inner strength to get Monkey to behave, so this can be a good match. On top of it, Monkey will amuse you every day! Take this act on the road and you can be stars, or keep it close to home and be the toast of the neighborhood. Adding a Feng Shui Crystal to the West by Southwest part of the house will bring you some exciting opportunities.

**Dragon with Rooster:** The legendary Dragon and Rooster (okay, Phoenix). This pair feels a lot of attraction to one another. You can have a long term happy relationship as long as the Rooster doesn't look for reasons to be suspicious of all the happiness. If your Rooster partner starts snapping at you, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Dragon with Dog:** Not suitable, unless you like putting oil and fire together. This is a battle waiting to happen! Dog doesn't care how powerful you are, he's willing to take you down a notch. If your Dog partner wants to curtail your freedom and put you on a leash, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Dragon with Pig:** It's hard not to like being at home with your Pig partner, nothing but comfort and good food abounds. But to keep Pig happy, you'll have to pitch in and do your share of the chores. Ever the peacemaker, your Pig partner will support you on your goals. Attract what you both want by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest area of the home.





## **Snake Compatibility**

**Snake with Rat:** Is it love you're feeling? Or, is it just casual amusement? You may feel common interests at first, but unless you want to really commit, Rat will flee the first chance he gets. You can have a very profitable relationship— if you set the right tone from the beginning. Keep things moving upward by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Snake with Ox:** Can be so supportive of each other, but someone has to make the first move. If you two get together you are likely to enjoy a long and happy relationship. Set your boundaries and then take a chance. You both have the drive and interest in making this work. To keep the lines of communication open, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Snake with Tiger:** Steer clear, this is a battle waiting to happen. The Tiger is seductive and you might be tempted, but it's you who should be doing the tempting. This is a match destined for a breakup. If you're determined to stay together, and yet you're both suspicious of the other's actions and intentions, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Snake with Rabbit:** It's hard work to find the balance here. Rabbit will bring out your deeper qualities, but his thin skin won't stand up to your assessments. There could be pain on both sides. On the other

hand, if you can see the best in the other you will both benefit from your refined sense and mental acuity. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house to stimulate this positive energy.

**Snake with Dragon:** Can make a good couple—from dating to a long term relationship. There is fun to be had by both. Keep your demands light, and you and the Dragon will fare very well. Keep in mind how much you admire the qualities of the other, and communicate this often. To bring more harmony, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Snake with Snake:** Wonderful pair that can balance each other. If you share leadership with your partner, you can expect a long and happy relationship. You can work together to bring yourselves power and success. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house to increase success energy.

**Snake with Horse:** This combo is difficult. You might be afraid of being stepped on, but you should be more worried about being forgotten or left behind by the popular Horse. Keep your eyes open because Horse may not be all that faithful. If Horse's impulsive nature starts to drive you around the bend, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house to calm that energy.

**Snake with Sheep:** Needs concentrated effort, but by taking a thoughtful approach, you can find happiness together. Sheep's feelings need to be considered, and you will have to tread lightly at times, but you can work this out. This relationship may start out with you both in a constant embrace, but after a while Sheep's clingy behavior may put you off. To ease this energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Snake with Monkey:** Long lasting match, once you get past the game-playing. You are both very clever, and you can learn much from each other. There is fun and romance for both here. But if this relationship is

punctuated with fights and competition, temper that energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Snake with Rooster:** What seems impossible at first turns into a wonderful pair. Rooster may be lots of talk and fussy behavior, but deep down he truly cares for you. Try not to get irritated, don't take things too seriously, and things will work out. Turn your attention to business and you two will be the dynamic duo. For wealth energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Snake with Dog:** Quite charming match with you being both friends and lovers. But try not to be too possessive, Dogs need to run and play sometimes. (Know that Dog always comes home afterward.) On the other hand, when Dog is out of sight, you can do some of the things you may not be able to do under Dog's keen nose. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house for harmony in this relationship.

**Snake with Pig:** Not a good match, as your temperaments are entirely different. You are a deep thinker, and the Pig is looking for a comfortable, non-drama home. You might appreciate all Pig can do for you, but the conflicts will be challenging. If you find your Pig partner being loving and supportive not to just you, but the whole neighborhood and every charity he or she can find, you can bring Pig's attention back to you by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Horse Compatibility**

**Horse with Rat:** Poor match, because neither wants to compromise. Things may start out fun, but they will for the most part end badly as you exert your desire for freedom, and Rat extends his desire for control. Your Rat partner may be a big help to you at home, but often you will find you're not on the same level. Balance the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Horse with Ox:** Difficult to balance this relationship. You are impressed with Ox's stability, yet also bored by it. You wish Ox would not be so demanding, and pretty soon you break out of the paddock to run free. If you're trying to get your Ox partner to drop the workload and live a little, you can try hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.

**Horse with Tiger:** Good times are enjoyed by both! You and Tiger are the life of the party; you are always where the action is. And as long as neither of you thinks the other should sit at home, you will have a great time. Instead of fighting about who does the housework, attract more money to pay for the help by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Horse with Rabbit:** Given time, this can be a good relationship. At first you will enjoy a lot of passionate fun with Rabbit; this can easily grow into trust and companionship. But keeping up the romance will take some planning. If Rabbit feels lonely at your wanderings and starts to kick up a fuss, you can balance the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Horse with Dragon:** Lively discussions and dates for these two. You are likely to be involved in the best fun together, or the biggest fights. Both of you are powerful and energetic beings, and together you are unstoppable. Try to base your relationship on what you have in common. Look for the partnership to extend to business as well as personal and you can attract much success. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house to attract opportunities.

**Horse with Snake:** This is a tough match. There's a lot of finger pointing (at each other) yet both are guilty of something. Too much complaining leads to more fights. You might win, but that just results in a squished Snake. If you're Snake partner just seems like a stick in the mud, you can loosen up the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Horse with Horse:** Caring and sharing and having a great time, frolicking through the pastures without a care in the world. You are beautiful together, and the world is your happy playground. Sometimes you're so alike it's uncanny...and a little boring. Spice things up by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Horse with Sheep:** If you get past the first couple of months, this can work out just fine, but Sheep's sensitive nature may take offense when you try to be honest and straightforward. Give him time to cool off, then try again. If you find your Sheep partner glum and lifeless at times, you can stimulate the positive energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Horse with Monkey:** Quite a painful duel can result from your mixing with the tricky Monkey. But if the Monkey really cares about you, he will make an effort and things may work out over the long run. You're both smart enough to really understand each other. Sometimes that makes things better, but sometimes it breeds contempt. Bring in the positive energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Horse with Rooster:** There are some pluses and minuses to this pair. You may feel that Rooster is leading you around by the nose, then dropping you without a moment's notice. Guard your heart if you're interested in this chicken. And if you're feeling a little hen-pecked, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Horse with Dog:** Running and playing, two hearts beating fast, this is a great match. Dog is faithful and forgiving and looks up to your power and grace. You feel gratitude and dedication in this positive puppy. But if you feel your Dog partner snapping critically at your heels, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Horse with Pig:** You can't help kicking up a fuss with the fussy Pig. Pig doesn't want to do battle, but an argument usually ensues. This can be a long-term relationship if you don't mind a knock-down-drag-out every few months. If your Pig partner's clingy-ness is starting to bore you, spice things up by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Sheep/Goat Compatibility**

**Sheep with Rat:** Always starts well and ends badly, as both are under the impression they have a lot in common. But it doesn't take long to figure out that Rat is not a Sheep, and you just don't see eye to eye. If Rat seems nicer over time, you might take a chance—but don't put too much money on the bet. If you are determined to make a go at this, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Sheep with Ox:** Steer clear of this steer. You're both too stubborn to compromise, and butting heads with this giant will only give you a headache. Ox is too clingy and you want balance; this just won't work. On the other hand Ox will get a lot of the work done before you have even stirred, so if you want to smooth out the bumps in this relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Sheep with Tiger:** Can work it out—if you can house-train this kitty. Tiger wants worship and you usually have more sense than that. But if you can stomach giving out all that flattery, this relationship will work just fine. If you need a little something to balance out the Tiger temper, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Sheep with Rabbit:** Hot romance is possible with this pair. Rabbit wants to go have fun and you are more than willing. It may be a hot date night after night. If you're a Sheep who likes to stay home, you may have a little trouble convincing this bunny, but everything will

work out if you exercise some patience. And to insure this positive energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Sheep with Dragon:** Be prepared to be completely overwhelmed by Dragon's power and enthusiasm. Later, you may feel claustrophobic in this relationship. You will have to reach compromise in order to make this work, and it will have to start with you. If you want to have Dragon share in some of the relationship responsibilities, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Sheep with Snake:** Requires a good grip to hold onto slippery Snake. You might be a little shocked at the verbal matches you are drawn into with this forked-tongued lover. If Snake really cares about you, he will tone it down, and you'll work it out in the end. The solution here will be a joint effort and real understanding of the others position. To facilitate compromise, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Sheep with Horse:** A fabulous time filled with banter and playful kicks at each other. This can be a wild ride if you don't take things said too personally. You both want to run; try not to run in different directions. To have the thrill of running off into the sunset together, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Sheep with Sheep:** Your friends might think this is the dullest match ever, but you feel delight as both of you do kind and thoughtful things for the other. You're happy, dancing on cloud nine. Combine your strengths and learn you can rely on each other by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Sheep with Monkey:** You can work anything out if you can forgive some of Monkey's antics in the beginning. Let the past be the past, and you will find that you have a lot in common. Love will bloom after a time. To encourage the love and romance, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.



**Sheep with Rooster:** No one is as confusing as a Rooster. You seem to have similar beliefs, and yet you go about doing things so differently. You can become a depressed little lamb if you think that Rooster will ever see your point of view. If you find the energy of your Rooster mate a bit too dizzying, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house.

**Sheep with Dog:** It's a tough life with a Dog nipping at your heels. And you're not sure you want to be herded. Dog is trying to show you loyalty and love, but sometimes it feels like you are penned in at the farm just when you want to climb mountains and be free. Soon you'll be looking to unlatch the gate. If you want to stay in this energetic match, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Sheep with Pig:** What a pretty couple you make; and you're both so nice. Sometimes Pig is too casual and you have to do all the heavy lifting in the relationship. But if you can let it slide, this could be a very nice romance. However, if you're finding Pig has overbooked your social calendar and you just want a break, then hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Monkey Compatibility**

**Monkey with Rat:** If you've got your eye on a Rat, it's because you're intrigued by his clever, money-making skills. Rat is easily flattered and impressed by your ability to take chances and fly through the trees. You can find yourself in a happy relationship with no effort at all. Boost your financial prospects by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Monkey with Ox:** This can be a great match as long as you understand that an Ox can't climb trees. Come down to share Ox's domain every once in a while, and things will be just fine between you. Ox will give you the stability you crave while not curtailing any of the fun. But if this ends up being a contest of wills, you can balance the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Monkey with Tiger:** Very rocky, so stay out of Tiger's reach. Tiger's impulsive nature and desire to be respected above all else rubs your fur the wrong way. Consider swinging past this potential disaster. If you've already been snared by this fellow jungle creature, you can bring more love to the relationship by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Monkey with Rabbit:** You can have a good time if you hold back on the tricks and teasing until Rabbit is in a happy mood. An unhappy bunny will take out their pain on you, so don't push. This can be a good combination, so save your clever remarks for someone else. If you're trying to coax this Rabbit out of the house for social occasions, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house to increase the energy of fun.

**Monkey with Dragon:** The perfect balance between power and intelligence, even your fights are fun. Dragon will show you the big ideas, and you will show him how it can all be done. There is so much potential for this relationship. There is also potential to extend this partnership into money-making activities. Attract wealth energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Monkey with Snake:** A long-lasting match filled with intimacy and strong feelings. Emotionally, as time goes on, you bond more and more with the wise Snake. Anytime you want, he will wrap himself around you and gently squeeze. But although there are rocky times due to jealousy on either side, you can temper this energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house.

**Monkey with Horse:** Is this a relationship or a competition? Sometimes you're supportive of each other, but the inflexibility of Horse means that you have to do all the compromising and understanding. After a while, this rodeo is less and less fun. If you feel like you're always coming in second place, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house to brighten up the energy.

**Monkey with Sheep:** This may be fun in the beginning, but Sheep has a whole bunch of rules and regulations for you to follow in order to stay in this relationship—rules that are sure to drain the fun right out of it. But if you can stay, it could become a happy, loving, long-lasting relationship. Balance this uncertain energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house.

**Monkey with Monkey:** Full of fun and play, this is an easy, happy relationship. There may be times when you don't see eye to eye, but keep those times brief, or one of you may find someone else to chase. Work out some boundaries, and you will be laughing together for a long time. To bond you two into a really strong partnership, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house.

**Monkey with Rooster:** Like magnets, you feel pulled magically together, but at any moment the poles can shift and you will find yourself repelled by each other. This is a pair born to fight, and yet should the two of you have a long relationship, it will at least be interesting. More prosperity would help you both be happy in this match, so hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house to attract more money.

**Monkey with Dog:** At first it just doesn't seem to work. You swinging in the trees, and the Dog barking and dancing around on the ground—but if you both persist, suddenly, one day everything falls into place. If you get to that point, this can be a very good match. Remember, love is a partnership not a competition. To blend the skills of you both, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house.

**Monkey with Pig:** This may be the easiest relationship you'll ever find: no hassles, no commitments, just comfort and joy. Pig would love a commitment, but he's too much in love to ask, afraid you'll run for the hills. Consider settling down with this one; this could be one you cherish. To balance and harmonize this energy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house.



## **Rooster Compatibility**

**Rooster with Rat:** You might work well together with Rat, but avoid getting into a relationship with this little mouse. He discovers all your weak spots, and he'll take you down a peg or three. If you're serious about your future happiness, kiss the Rat goodbye. But if you're committed to stay, temper the little mouse's petty complaints by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Rooster with Ox:** Potentially a very good match, because even though you're both stubborn by nature, you are stubborn about different things. There's strength in unity, and as a united front you can have a very happy relationship. Even your fights turn out okay. Strengthen this relationship further by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Rooster with Tiger:** This relationship will take a lot of effort, because you both have different values. You have strength, but so does Tiger—and there will be communication issues. Your friends will try to help you stay together until they get tired of trying, and then they'll suggest you part. If you want to stay together and have fun instead of fights, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house.

**Rooster with Rabbit:** A relationship between you and Rabbit just makes for one angry bunny. You try to use logic and reason, but you

just make him madder. Even though initially you felt a kinship, you're just too different to really have any harmony. To get your Rabbit partner to pitch in and pull half the weight of this relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Rooster with Dragon:** The perfect pair representing the Dragon and the Phoenix, this relationship is liberating and strengthening for both. With this winged creature you revel in feeling on top of the world. And Dragon feels like he's finally got his feet on the ground. Great times ahead. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house to capitalize on this successful union.

**Rooster with Snake:** You may have some differences in your daily routines, but that can be to your benefit as you will enjoy the times you are together all the more. Snake may like to argue with you, but you can hold your own. In the long run this could really work. Balance the extremes in this relationship and you can make some serious money. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house to help.

**Rooster with Horse:** You are probably more interested in making this work than Horse is. And when you fight, it will be you who has to say, "Sorry," first. This may be fine in the beginning, but after a while of eating crow, you may just give this one up. If you insist that this is the one for you, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house to sooth your differences and create harmony.

**Rooster with Sheep:** You are probably the more impatient one, so Sheep can outlast you anytime. This will cause conflicts at home and with raising children. Sometimes you're both playing a game to see if you can get what you want; but neither of you share your rules with the other. If you find that Sheep has a hard head and way too soft feelings, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house to balance the energies.

**Rooster with Monkey:** Hard going at first, but things can be smoothed over. You may be fascinated with Monkey's clever antics and so you keep working on it. Over time there can be progress; it depends on how much you want to sacrifice to get this to work. If you start to think that Monkey is just in it for what he or she can get, you can hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house to bring the scales into balance.

**Rooster with Rooster:** Intense passion and intense fights will typify this relationship. Feathers will fly, and lots of words will be exchanged—but what you dish out you can receive. In the end you will stick it out because you have put so much effort into it. If you both are too focused on being right rather than being happy, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West area of the house to remedy this.

**Rooster with Dog:** A Dog around the barnyard chases the chickens rather than being guided by one so you may find this relationship is about who gets to be in charge. This power struggle will continue and getting out may be your best bet. This is not an easy time for either of you. If all this relationship has become is two people snapping at each other, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house to bring in loving, harmonious energy.

**Rooster with Pig:** You have a true admirer in this relationship, yet you doubt, thinking this is too easy. Pig wants to make you feel comfortable and happy, and yet your eye is ever wandering. Learn to respect the Pig and this could be a dream match. Or, toss it all away and get chicken-scratch in return. Things can be good here if you can welcome in the positive energy. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house and be prepared to be happy.



## **Dog Compatibility**

**Dog with Rat:** It will take cool nerves to make this match work. There's a lot of nervous energy between the two of you, and you may find Rat running for the door. Keep the lines of communication open to make progress long term. You may find you only fight over little things. Ease the disruptive energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house.

**Dog with Ox:** You two can be great together because you're both stable and want to protect your partner. But power struggles can ensue. Your best bet is to lean back and allow Ox to drag the relationship forward. Ox can hold on to hurts from past fights for a long time. Heal the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house.

**Dog with Tiger:** After a rough beginning, a relationship of mutual respect and admiration blossoms. The attraction to each other runs deep, and both can feel great happiness here. There are good times ahead for this cat and Dog. Together you can do a lot a good out in the world. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house and bring in the opportunities you desire.

**Dog with Rabbit:** After an exhilarating chase you could end up with a perfect match between you and the happy Rabbit. You both bring



something to the relationship that the other lacks, and together you make a good team. It's the tiny things, like how he or she squeezes the toothpaste, that irritate you about your partner. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house and find some peace.

**Dog with Dragon:** This is a star-crossed pair, intense love followed by severe pain. You may be tempted by Dragon's power, but he'll just fly away at some point. At some level you know this, and so you may try to leave first. Save yourself the pain, and avoid this match. If you insist on staying together, you must alternate with each other on who will lead. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house to find a truce.

**Dog with Snake:** If you do get together—which is not easy—you will need to work on your communication with each other. You are both smart, but in different ways. You are much more loyal than Snake; don't give all your loyalty until you know it will be returned. If you stay realistic this can work, so hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast to improve communication.

**Dog with Horse:** Dating will be an exciting chase, and if you do rope this Horse you may end up with a very happy relationship. But Horse won't be caught easily, so be prepared for some work. Once you break this Horse of running, the romance will blossom. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house to encourage cooperation.

**Dog with Sheep:** There is such strong attraction at first, but Sheep doesn't like being herded, and you are having trouble putting up with his not agreeing with anything you say. After quarreling constantly, you may not find anything to save in this relationship. If you find you're more irritated than in love, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house and smooth over the differences.

**Dog with Monkey:** At first sight you didn't think this was going to be a match... and you were right! Monkey's antics and different ideas can hurt your feelings deeply. Even when it seems to be working, the timing

will be off, and the gestures you offer each other are misunderstood. But if you want to make a go of it, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house to attract money which will in turn attract a Monkey.

**Dog with Rooster:** Lots of chasing can make the beginning of this relationship a little rocky. Be patient, because there is more to this than meets the eye. There is a genuine compatibility here, if you can get past some of the surface irritants. If you want to do more than just coexist, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house to bring out the best qualities in both of you.

**Dog with Dog:** You can run and play together, and you'll always be competing with each other. You may even compete to show how much you'll sacrifice for the other. If you don't mind the constant quarreling, bickering, and barking this will work out just fine. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house to promote mutual respect and material success.

**Dog with Pig:** You find that Pig is a blissful partner, and have never felt so happy. This makes you nervous, which in turn makes Pig nervous—and that could bring a breaking point. But in general, this is a great match; just lie down and enjoy it. Celebrate this good match and hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house to attract the resources for a comfortable and happy home.



## **Pig/Boar Compatibility**

**Pig with Rat:** This is an interesting match, you share many interests. You see the world in a similar way and value similar things. The little mouse may need some puffing up sometimes, but flatter him and together you will build a comfortable house, with lots of money in the cookie jar. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North part of the house to bring abundance and happiness to the relationship.

**Pig with Ox:** This works at first, but if you think you will get your way, you're wrong here. You may be obstinate, but nothing beats an Ox for sheer stubbornness. The more you push, the more he will not budge. Save yourself the effort and pass on this match. If you plan to stay in this relationship, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northeast part of the house to relieve some of the friction.

**Pig with Tiger:** You may think the hungry Tiger will have you for dinner on your first date, but after the initial nerves of a new relationship, you two can settle down and make a really good match. Tiger's possessiveness will feel comforting and protective. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Northeast part of the house to bring joy, laughter, and good times.

**Pig with Rabbit:** Once you get past the well-meaning criticism by this little bunny, you have a thoughtful, interested partner with whom you can share much. Rabbit may be slower to realize how good a match this is, so be patient. Rabbit will happily receive the outpouring of your

affection, so to get some in return, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the East part of the house.

**Pig with Dragon:** You are dazzled by the power and vision of your Dragon partner. And he loves coming down to earth to be with you. While your friends may not understand this match, you are in heaven. You are sailing on the back of a Dragon. At times one or both of you will get carried away; balance out the energy by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the East by Southeast part of the house.

**Pig with Snake:** You have so many differences that you can't even begin to communicate. You are naturally nervous around the clever Snake, and so you become rigid and critical. It's not you, it's just a bad match. If you're staying in the partnership but can't stand all the secrets, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southeast part of the house and let what's been hidden come out.

**Pig with Horse:** Horse feels this is a great relationship and that nothing needs to change. You, on the other hand, have a list of what needs to happen to start making this a happy relationship. But none of your subtle signals or overt signs will be a clue to over-confident Horse. To get your pony partner to pay attention, hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the South part of the house.

**Pig with Sheep:** Can work, but certainly not the most exciting relationship you'll ever have. This feels like the back-up date for New Year's—maybe someone who might be a friend, but the passion's not really there. If you want commitment, demand it; otherwise let this one go. Stir up the romance here by hanging a Feng Shui Crystal in the South by Southwest part of the house and watch the magic happen.

**Pig with Monkey:** You and Monkey are so different, but somehow it works. This relationship is like fine wine, it needs to age—and you both will occasionally need some time to breathe. Some irritations on both sides can make this relationship feel sour. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Southwest part of the house to sweeten up your love life.

**Pig with Rooster:** As barnyard buddies this is tough in the beginning, as Rooster wants to be in charge. You will find it hard to get respect from this bossy boss, as he is sure he rules the roost. But deep down, there is more love here than you may think. Give this a try before saying goodbye. Between the two of you there is a solution to every problem. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West part of the house to attract the solutions easily.

**Pig with Dog:** You feel secure and safe with Dog (and nipped at, and barked at, too). There are some strong positives in this relationship, and big helping of irritants. Give nervous Dog some time to settle into the relationship, and you will feel safe and loved in no time. If you find your lively pup too quick with the criticism hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the West by Northwest part of the house to soften his or her words.

**Pig with Pig:** Hand in hand, here's a perfect match. You both share great depth of feeling and compassion for the other. Communication is fun and easy, and you spend many nights just staying up and talking. This may get to be a little routine after a while, but the deep feeling of happiness will last. Together you both give too much, and may find others taking advantage of your kindness. Hang a Feng Shui Crystal in the North by Northwest part of the house to protect your finances.

## **Using and Clearing Feng Shui Cures**

“Okay, I did what you said and it worked for a little while but now it's not working.” When we place an object to attract new energy—and we place it correctly—we will get results within the first week. But after that the energy will start to dissipate. There are several reasons for this.

Mainly, we are very quick to adapt to the new energy, and so even though new energy is flowing in, we cease to notice it. In addition, when we first place the Feng Shui cure, we look at it every day; but after a time it simply becomes part of the background, and therefore is no longer activating our subconscious.

Often, the solution is to move the cure; or, if that's not possible, to take the cure down and dust it off, then replace it where it was. I had a client who was using my double lucky money fish cure to attract money. She placed a pair of fish by her front door, and business started to flow in effortlessly. However, after a week or two, she would become overwhelmed by so many new clients.

So she would take the double lucky money fish cure away from her front door, and place the cure in her home office instead. The result of this was she would receive quick and easy payment from her clients.

Then, after a couple of weeks, she would find she needed new clients again. And so she would take the double lucky money fish cure and once again hang them by her front door. By moving the fish over and over she was always attracting positive money energy.

## **How to Clear Gemstones and Crystals**

A few weeks after gemstones and crystals start absorbing energy it can seem they are not as effective as they were when you first placed them. Here is an easy solution: The gemstone or crystal needs to be cleared. There are several methods you can use. Each is very effective, choose the method is most convenient to you.

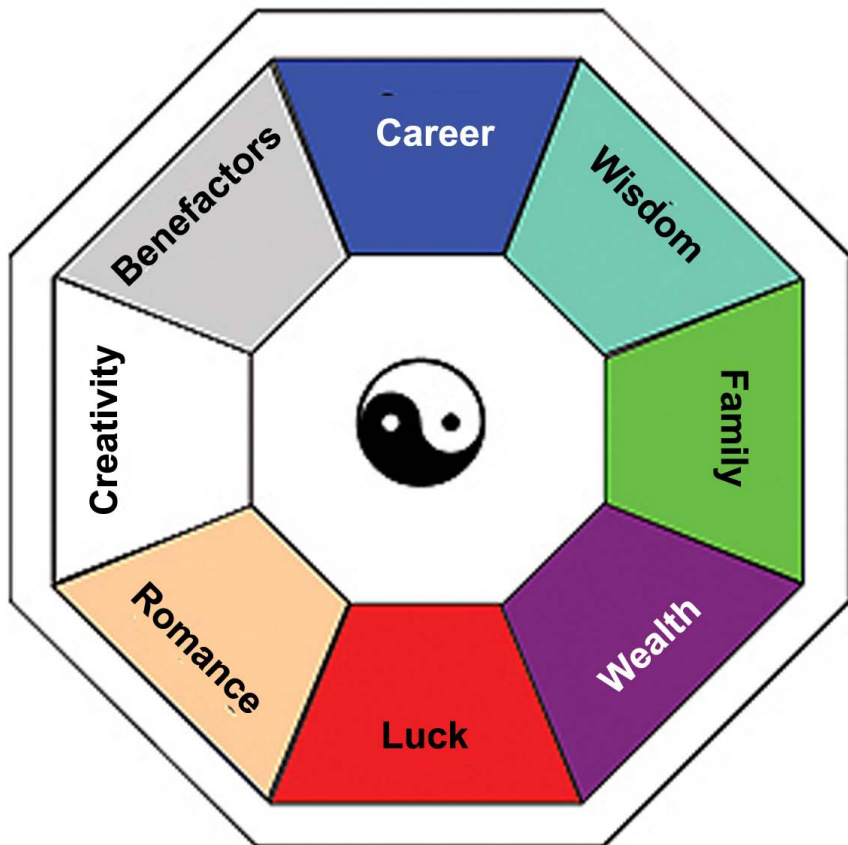
**Clearing with Sage:** you can smudge the gemstone or crystal using Sage. Take your smudge stick and light it, then pass the crystal through the smoke several times. Turn the crystal so the smoke touches all sides. The crystal is now clear and you can hang it back up where it was. You should see a bump up in the energy levels during the next few days.

**Clearing with Salt:** you can clear gemstones and crystals using salt. Some gemstones and crystals are sensitive to salt, so when clearing these with salt, place the crystal on a dish and draw a ring of salt around the crystal. (The salt should not touch the crystal.) Then place the dish where it will not be disturbed for 24 hours. Once the 24-hour period is completed, remove the crystal from the plate and dispose of the salt in a

trash can outside of your home. (Tossing the salt in the kitchen garbage will just release the energy back into the house.) Replace the crystal where it was. You'll see an increase in energy within the next few days.

Clearing with Sunlight: you can also clear gemstones and crystals in sunlight. Take the crystal down and wash it thoroughly in clear water and a gentle soap. Dry the crystal thoroughly with a soft cloth. Place the crystal on a dish outside in the sunlight for a full day. In the evening bring the crystal back into the house and allow it to cool. Then re-hang the crystal where it was. If you don't see an increase in energy in the first week, use one of the other two methods to clear the crystal.

## How to Identify the Wealth and Love Areas of Your House



In order to identify the Wealth areas of your home, stand inside the front door entrance to the house; take the above diagram, and place the side that says “Career” up against your closed front door. The diagram will show you the location of the Wealth area.

In fact, you will quickly identify two Wealth areas: one is the far left corner of the entrance area (or, the far left corner of the room where the



front door opens into the home). The other important Wealth area in your home is the far left corner of the whole house.

To identify your “Love” areas, stand inside your home by your front door. Using the above diagram, place the side that says “Career” against your front door.

Now the diagram shows you the location of the Love area in the far right corner of the entrance area (or, the far right corner of the room where the front door opens into the home). The other important Love area in your home is the far right corner of the house.

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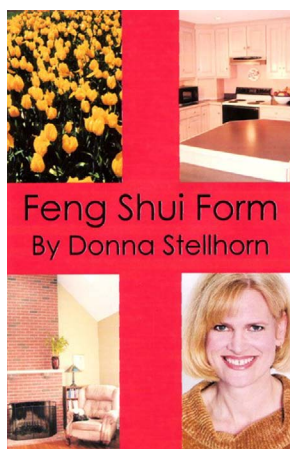
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## **Excerpt from Donna Stellhorn's book, "Feng Shui Form"**

### **The Master Bedroom**

"My relationship is dead!" the woman told me as she ushered me into her home. With one look at her bedroom I saw why. A giant cow skull was hanging over the bed. The Feng Shui question I ask myself is the same old "chicken and egg" question: Which came first? The feeling of death in the relationship—so we hang the large cow skull over the bed to symbolize that death—or, did we hang the skull up and subsequently "kill" the relationship? Sometimes I think that both things arrive simultaneously. The skull on the wall simply gives us a visible picture of what is going on beneath, in the bed.

Your bedroom is the second most important room in the house, after the kitchen. A bedroom is our sanctuary for rest, relaxation from the stresses of our lives, the place where we recuperate and where we spend time with our most intimate others. Keeping this in mind, let us take a look at your bedroom.

When I consult on a house, one of the things I am looking for is how the bedroom is decorated in relation to the rest of the house. For each person, the bedroom is their private area. How you maintain your personal and private space indicates how you treat yourself as relative to how you treat the rest of the world.

If I see beautiful, elegant furnishings in the living room, dining room and family room, but find a master bedroom filled with second-hand furniture found at a yard sale, battered and uncared for, I comment on it, “It would appear that you are taking care of everyone but yourself. My advice is to take as good care of yourself as you would take of others. This will help you be around for a long time to share your life with those you care about.”

Of prime importance is the placement of the bed in any bedroom, especially in the master bedroom (see figs. 16 and 17). In some systems of Feng Shui, the Feng Shui expert works with compass directions, determining which direction is lucky or unlucky for the individual(s) who sleep in this room. But, before you can consider the directions, it is necessary to inspect the layout of the room. Here are the rules for bed placement.

### **Master Bedroom Bed Placement**

**Rule #1:** One should not sleep with one’s feet pointing out the door. There is an old saying that when a person dies, they are carried out feet first; so, sleeping with your feet pointing out the door is considered bad for your health. The door referred to here is the main door, not a bathroom door or a patio door.

**Cure:** Move the bed to a new position. Or, if it is not possible to move the bed, then hang a prismatic crystal over the door into the bedroom. The crystal should be visible from the bed. This will disburse the negative Qi and keep your feet (and the rest of you) in your bed until you want to get up.

**Rule #2:** One should not sleep with one's feet pointing at a mirror. Some believe that the soul travels at night while we are sleeping. But if the soul, while leaving the body, should see its reflection in a mirror, it may become frightened and leave for good. A mirror behind the bed, above the bed or beside the bed is considered acceptable—it is only when the feet of the sleeper point toward a mirror that it is considered unlucky.

**Cure:** The best cure is to move either the bed or the mirror. If it is not possible to move the bed or the mirror, a prismatic crystal can be used. If the mirror is part of a dresser, then crystal bottles (like perfume bottles) can sit on the dresser in front of the mirror. The crystal helps break up the Qi reflected by the mirror.

Hang the crystal from a string and attach the string to the back of the dresser, allowing the crystal to drape over in front of the mirror. If the mirror is part of mirrored closet doors, it is sufficient to hang a single prismatic crystal in front of the doors. The crystal should be hung so it does not impede the opening of the doors. Again, this will help balance the flow of Qi and stop negative Qi.

**Rule #3:** From a reclining position, one should not be able to see a toilet. In general, the energy of the commode is considered unlucky but if one can see it while lying in bed it has an even stronger negative effect. It is believed to cause stomach and intestinal problems.

**Cure:** The best cure is to move the bed. If moving the bed is not an option, then keep the bathroom door closed—or at least keep the door closed enough to prevent a view of the commode. If an individual who sleeps in the room has a history of stomach or intestinal problems, it may be necessary to hang a small mirror (four inches in diameter or less) above the bathroom door facing into the bathroom. This mirror can be a simple, round mirror, or part of some decorative arrangement. This will help to keep the negative bathroom energy contained.

**Rule #4:** One should not sleep too close to the main bedroom door. If the room is small, the bed must sometimes be positioned very close to the door. If it is closer than three feet, it is considered to be too close for comfortable sleep. The person who sleeps on the side of the bed nearest the door (if they share the bed with another) will feel responsible for the health and safety of both of the people who share the bed, and may not sleep well, feeling the need to be watchful and on guard even while asleep.

**Cure:** If the bed cannot be repositioned, it is best to place a table or nightstand between the sleeper and the door. A large plant, preferably with pointed leaves, should be placed on the nightstand. This will help the sleeper feel more safe while they slumber.

**Rule #5:** A bed should be placed on a solid wall. This is important if the person who sleeps in the bed has a history of sinus problems or if the sleeper is a child. Placing the bed on a solid wall gives the sleeper the feeling of support. Children who sleep next to a window may feel that they are vulnerable to a stranger looking in, even if their room is on an upper floor. If there is a history of sinus problems, then the draft from windows will not help the sleeper.

**Cure:** If the bed cannot be placed on a solid wall, place a mirror in the window, facing out. The mirror can be small (less than one inch in diameter) and can be taped to the glass.

**Rule #6:** The bed of an adult should not be on more than one wall. If the bed is placed in the corner so that both the head and one side are on walls it provides too much support, acting like a crutch, holding back the individual from independent action. If two people sleep in a bed that is on two walls, the person who sleeps next to the wall will feel no sense of independence, and will have their life dictated by the will of others.

**Cure:** Leave at least enough room for the occupant(s) of the bed to exit from either side.



**Rule #7:** One should not sleep under something heavy. Large paintings or posters framed with glass should not be placed above the bed because if they fall down, they will injure the sleeper.

**Rule #8:** Likewise, it is considered unlucky to have ceiling fans directly over the sleeper's chest or head, because even though the fans are secured to the ceiling, the motion and the weight they represent can disrupt a person's sleep. It is believed that if the fan is positioned above a sleeper's head, the individual will have sinus problems; if the fan is positioned over the sleeper's heart, the individual will have chest trouble; and if the fan is positioned over the stomach, the sleeper will have stomach and intestinal problems.

**Rule #9:** One should not sleep next to heavy furniture. Very tall, very heavy pieces should not be placed next to a bed. The rule is: the height of the furniture is the minimum distance to the bed. A heavy dresser, for example, is too close if it would hit the sleeper should it fall over. The "pressure" from large objects next to the bed can cause a disruption of regular sleep patterns.

**Rule #10:** Neutralize any poison arrows. Poison arrows are common in bedrooms—especially if the bedroom has a built-in closet or private bathroom. A poison arrow is created when a corner protrudes into the room (see diagram). Poison arrows are a serious problem if the arrow (or corner) points to the bed. This can divide the Qi, causing problems between a couple who share the bed, or can create personal stress for an individual.

**Cure:** Poison arrows can be cured in several ways. Bell strings or hanging plants can be hung in front of the protruding corner, or one can place a piece of furniture between the bed and the arrow. This neutralizes the sha Qi of the poison arrow.

If you are seeking change in your personal and intimate relationships, if you are not sleeping well, if you are ill or recovering from an illness

too slowly, you may want to alter the Qi in your bedroom overall. Here are a few specific suggestions.

To attract a relationship first stop repelling them. Examine the décor of your bedroom and ask yourself if you would feel comfortable inviting a lover into the room. Are you proud of how the room looks? Or, is it in such disarray that both you and your prospective partner would have to climb over the clutter just to get to the bed? Create a welcoming environment for yourself and for the potential “someone” you might like to invite into your private space.

Remove teddy bears, stuffed animals and other toys that are reminders of childhood. These types of toys are given to children who have to sleep alone. They may be providing you with comfort but keeping you from attracting the comfort you need from a living, breathing other.

Remove pictures of Mom and Dad, Grandma and other family members. Pictures of family should be placed in family rooms, living rooms, hallways, etc. Your bedroom is your private place. (Remember, it is hard to be passionate with an intimate other in front of Mom and Dad.) Also, and for a similar reason, keep religious items to a minimum. Unless sexuality is a major part of your religious expression, keep only a few spiritual icons in the bedroom. These are better placed in the living room, kitchen, family room or dining room.

Remove any décor that is a reminder of the past or of death and sadness. Remove dried flower arrangements, pictures of cold, icy landscapes and skeletons or skulls of dead animals (no cow skulls with horns, no matter how attractively they may have been preserved or decorated).

If you are in a happy relationship, limit your selection of these types of items to one per room. More than that will give you an attachment to the past while healthy and happy relationships are based on current loving and supportive experiences, mutual growth and a vision of the future.

To attract a new relationship, buy new sheets. I have known some clients to get an entire new bed. They felt that their old bed held the Qi of the old relationship (or lack thereof) and that a new bed would bring new relationships and love into their lives.

If you cannot afford a new bed, buy the sheets—preferably in a different color than ones you have had before. (See Chapter 15, Colors, pp. 206) will provide for lots of ideas about the different kinds of Qi each color attracts. (However, let me give you a little hint here: try red!)

Treat yourself to some new pajamas or a pretty nightgown. The purpose of these exercises is to prepare yourself mentally and emotionally to welcome a guest into your bedroom. Hang a single bell or a string of bells near the bed. Bells call new Qi into a space (see pp. 163, Bells, for more information). Chime them often. The sound tells the Universe that you are open to love and are calling in a new relationship.

To rid yourself of an old, no longer desired relationship, start by removing that Qi from your personal space. Remove any of their clothing, books, pictures and knick-knacks from the room. If the objects are ones you want to keep, clear them by using salt or sage.

If the individual still has not moved out of your home, place salt crystals under their shoes and in a dish under their side of the bed. Salt removes attachments to people (and things), and will cause them to feel unattached to you and to the house. This lack of attachment will be an encouragement to them to find somewhere else to be. Once they move out, give yourself new sheets and new pillow cases (or new pillows) and start fresh.

Sometimes people have trouble sleeping. If that is happening to you, remove anything that is under your bed. Clean and keep the area under your bed perfectly clear of any storage or clutter for the time being. Next, choose restful colors for your décor. Consider pinks, pastels or tans. It would be best to paint the walls but if that is not possible, at least

change out the bedspread and the sheets. Also, consider wearing night clothes in pastel colors (not white).

Some herbs promote sleep. Place chamomile or lavender—either a plant or some dried herb—next to the bed. Consider adding other plants to the environment, too. Plants give off oxygen and can help you relax. Remove any paper, bills and calendars from your immediate sleeping area. It is best not to store files in the bedroom. Keep the room very dark; add black-out curtains to the windows if necessary. Place “sleepy” art in the room, pictures of a sleepy town, sleeping cats, restful scenes and quiet interiors.

Also, too many electronics can disturb sleep, even if you are not using them. Remove excess electronics such as the television, computer and stereo, etc., from the bedroom. Watching too much television is like getting a restless sleep. It gives your body and mind nothing it really needs. So if you really have trouble sleeping, give up the television for a few days and try reading; see if your sleep improves.

When you are recovering from an illness, it is best to decorate the room with colors that promote health and healing and ones that keep you grounded (that is, conscious of your body and your surroundings in the present moment). Avoid pinks and purples in the bedroom at such times, and choose greens, browns, tans and other earth tones. If you cannot change your wall color, at least change the bedspread and sheets. Plants promote wellness. If the room is too dark for live plants, consider silk ones. Plants are symbols of good health.

Decorate the walls with lively pictures of children playing, happy people and wonderful places you want to visit. Choose rich landscapes, travel posters and maps. Place your remedies and treatments or medicines in a convenient drawer out of sight unless it is time to take them. Only leave medical equipment in clear sight if you must use it constantly. Clear the air and Qi every few days using incense, essential oils or by opening the window for a good airing (weather permitting). Use a fan occasionally to help the Qi and the air circulate.

1. If you want to move and are unable to find the means or the energy to do so, move your bed away from all walls in the bedroom. Allowing the bed to “float” in the room energetically removes the support you have been receiving from your current residence and allows (or requires) you to become more independent of your immediate circumstances. You will no longer feel attached to the house and therefore it will become easier for you to move.

2. If you would like to become pregnant (or to have children), it is considered unwise to clean under the bed. Feng Shui lore dictates that the soul of the baby visits his or her mother-to-be and that if you clean under your bed you may frighten the baby away. Likewise, no furniture should be moved in the bedroom of a woman who is pregnant—this again so as not to frighten away the soul of the baby.

3. An individual’s bedroom should not be visible from the front door. When your bed can be seen by visitors they can come to feel “intimate” with you much too quickly and may therefore take liberties they would otherwise not have dared to take. You may find that people ask for favors and expect special treatment from you very soon after you have met them. In matters of the heart, you will attract relationships that become physically intimate quickly (which may or may not be a good thing).

4. Feng Shui lore tells of an ancient cure for backaches: place a piece of chalk under the exact spot where the afflicted person sleeps. This is said to alleviate the back pain. (Well, it certainly couldn’t hurt!)

5. Just one more thought...the master bedroom is for the master(s) of the house. Whoever sleeps in that bedroom will control the household—even if that individual is a child. There are no exceptions to this rule. You may think that because of the size or the location of the room within the house that it is more suitable for the twins or your visiting mother-in-law, but heed this warning: the person who sleeps/resides in the master bedroom rules the house.



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Author, Astrology and Feng Shui expert, Donna Stellhorn, is a speaker, a supportive personal coach, and a practical business consultant, with more than 20 years' experience. In addition to building three successful businesses of her own and logging more than 20,000 hours of consultations with clients, she teaches a variety of classes, offers apprenticeship programs, leads workshops, and continues to write on a variety of topics. She believes in encouraging others to achieve success in their careers and in their personal lives.

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