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THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO MAKING THE EARTH DOG YEAR YOUR BEST YEAR EVER

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MAKING 2018
YOUR BEST YEAR EVER

We love the new year for its possibilities, but our resolve to change can falter fast. In order to break free from bad habits and achieve new goals, we have to re-examine and re-evaluate our methods, tools and motivation for change.

What goals do you have to achieve this year?

Want to lose more weight?
Start a new business?
Get that elusive promotion?
Tie the knot or find your true love?
Or perhaps, to be financially free?

This book is about using Chinese Metaphysics (e.g. Feng Shui & Chinese Astrology) as a tool for personal transformation and focuses on the best ways to approach resolve and renewal in the new year.

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HERE'S THE PLAN
TO THRIVING IN 2018

It's easy to set a new year's resolution. It's a completely different thing to put in the work. We've designed this guide to be a step-by-step plan. All you need to do is follow the steps or if you're a slight advanced user, jump straight in to the areas that matter to you most.

Remember, the goal here is to make the year of the Earth Dog a thriving year for you.

STEP 1

SET YOUR GOALS

Your goals can broadly be categorized in 7 areas. These are the areas which can be enhanced or maximized using Chinese Metaphysics. We'll also examine the BaZi of the Earth Dog Year and What it means to you and your goals

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STEP 3

FIND THE OPPORTUNITIES OR GAPS IN 2018

The Year of the Earth Dog will present a lot of challenges for us. At the same time, there will be a handful who will be able to turn these into opportunities and thrive. We'll be diving deep into The Chinese New Year of the Earth Dog in this section. We're also going to provide your personal Feng Shui Guide for 2018 to find these opportunities and how to capitalize on them.

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STEP 4

AVOID SETBACKS & NEGATE PROBLEMS

To ensure that you'll have a smooth sailing year, we'll have to keep the setbacks and downtime to a minimum. We'll be including useful Tips, Things to Avoid and additional resources that can steer you away from disruptions.

Avoiding Renovation **59** | The 3 things to avoid in 2018 **60**

STEP 5

HELP SOMEONE

We've included some free tools and resources to help you along the way. In the spirit of giving and sharing, help someone by sending this guide to them. Sometimes, we help ourselves by helping others.

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STEP 1

SET YOUR GOALS

THE EARTH DOG AT A GLANCE

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THE YEAR OF THE EARTH DOG AT A GLANCE

Let's be real. Just because someone is born in the year of the DOG, it does not mean they exhibit or have attributes that are like a dog (e.g. Loyal or can be good friends because they are man's best friend). Similarly, just because 2018 is the year of the EARTH DOG 戊戌, it doesn't mean it's a good year for making friends.

HOW DOES ONE FORECAST THE YEAR?

Like the currency specialist who looks at a basket of currencies for their forecast, or the hedge fund manager who observes everything from the price of cocoa to steel inventories to determine their strategy, the Chinese Metaphysician trawls for confirmatory trends through metaphysical data from various systems as well as BaZi charts of influential individuals in the global stage. Accordingly, we reference the BaZi chart and the relationships between the elements for the year as well as the Qi Men Dun Jia chart for 2018.

On the right, we've put up the charts of the Fire Rooster Year as well as the Earth Dog Year.

時 HOUR	日 DAY	月 MONTH	年 YEAR	
癸 Gui, 7K, Yin Water	丁 Ding, DM, Yin Fire	甲 Jia, DR, Yang Wood	戊 Wu, HO, Yang Earth	Heavenly Stems 天干
卯 Mao, Sick, Rabbit 兔, Yin Wood	卯 Mao, Sick, Rabbit 兔, Yin Wood	寅 Yin, Death, Tiger 虎, Yang Wood	戌 Xu, Nourishing, Dog 狗, Yang Earth	Earthly Branches 地支
乙 Yi - Wood 木	乙 Yi - Wood 木	戊 Wu + Earth 土; 甲 Jia + Wood 木; 丙 Bing + Fire 火	丁 Ding - Fire 火; 戊 Wu + Earth 土; 辛 Xin - Metal 金	Hidden Stems 藏干

The BaZi Chart for Year of the Earth Dog 2018

The year of the Earth Dog is dominated by the Earth element in its Yang form. This is going to be an eventful year, marked by security concerns and lifestyle changes – whether it's breaking a habit or starting something new. People whose Earth element is primary in their Chinese life horoscope, a particular stability through the entire year will allow them to organize their personal and professional life more efficiently.

時 HOUR	日 DAY	月 MONTH	年 YEAR	
庚 Geng, RW, Yang Metal	辛 Xin, DM, Yin Metal	壬 Ren, HO, Yang Water	丁 Ding, 7K, Yin Fire	Heavenly Stems 天干
子 Zi, Growth, Rat 鼠, Yang Water	酉 You, Thriving, Rooster 雞, Yin Metal	寅 Yin, Conceived, Tiger 虎, Yang Wood	酉 You, Thriving, Rooster 雞, Yin Metal	Earthly Branches 地支
癸 Gui - Water 水	辛 Xin - Metal 金	戊 Wu + Earth 土; 甲 Jia + Wood 木; 丙 Bing + Fire 火	辛 Xin - Metal 金	Hidden Stems 藏干

The BaZi Chart for Year of the Fire Rooster 2017

The Year of the Fire Rooster was dominated by the Fire element in its Yin form - an element representing technology. As fire counters metal, tension may have risen - what is called the Fire Rooster revolution, which means there were changes, causing some people to be temperamental and irrational, which was one of the contributing factors to global terrorism. Take USA for an example: the abrupt changes brought by President Trump to the U.S. economy, obviously had a global impact on everybody – resulting in some tensions between policies and countries from East and West.

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THIS ISN'T ABOUT FORTUNE TELLING NOR THE ART OF PLACEMENT

Chinese Astrology and Feng Shui are vast subjects. And like any other subject, it requires a great deal of understanding before one can master it. Don't worry, we're not trying to make you a master of the subject using this guide. That'll be virtually impossible. Instead, we're going steer you away from technicalities and give you the tools that you can apply immediately into your life.



The goal here is not to foretell your fortune or future. It is also not about asking you to buy a man-made product for the purpose of remedying something or bringing you luck. It's definitely not a get-rich-quick scheme, although as a result of using this your wealth will be positively affected.

We've created this guide (The CNY Edition) in conjunction with the Chinese New Year because time itself plays a very significant role in all Chinese Metaphysics. We're going to introduce core concepts, philosophies and important information before we jump into the application techniques and How To's. Feel free to jump from section to section depending on which areas of your life that need the most attention.

THE 7 AREAS

This guide has been designed as a tool to improve or influence these 7 aspects in a person's life.

MENTORS

A mentor is someone who inspires you, connects to you, and most importantly, opens up your mind without judgement passing. They can help guide you through your life journey. A mentor can also appear to be a temporary 'villain' in your life which could also contribute to your achievements.

WEALTH

Wealth is like a three legged stool – each leg representing an aspect: financial security, living with purpose and having a healthy mind and spirit. The absence of any of the three leaves the others incomplete. It takes them all to create real wealth.

CAREER

We all crave for the career that fits us like a mold and gives us joy and satisfaction. But the harsh truth is that there are a lot of people who are stuck with wrong jobs and end up struggling. Did you know though that your birthday can be used to map out a solution to most of your career related problems and uncertainties?

RELATIONSHIPS

Healthy relationships are a vital component of your mental health and wellbeing. Strong relationships can contribute to a long, healthy, and happy life. Turning to astrology, more specifically, the synastry, will help you find some answers to achieve the perfect relationship.

FRIENDS

There's a pillar in your chart that governs your friends and acquaintances, the people you spend your everyday life with when not at work.

HEALTH

Your astrology is usually able to give several clues regarding your health and what you might be able to do to improve or even to avoid the problems you have or may arise.

ASSETS

Assets can be broadly categorized into physical and non-physical resource that has an intrinsic value returning yield overtime. Acquiring a piece of land or acquiring knowledge and experience are considered assets.

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QUICK REFERENCE

In case you're totally new to this, read this:

Qi 氣

The underlying principle of all Chinese Metaphysics that all life is based on Qi. Think of it as Energy. It is the universal and invisible force that governs everything in the cosmos. It exists around us and within us. It cannot be created nor destroyed and there could be positive or negative Qi.

The 5 Elements 五行

Chinese Metaphysics, in particular Chinese Astrology is about studying the relationships between the Qi and the Five Elements (五行) of a chart. The interaction and positions of these elements are symbolic for different phases, or primal forces within the universe, nature and our bodies. They are divided into Earth, Water, Fire, Metal and Wood.

The Cosmic Trinity 三才

One of the core philosophies of Chinese Metaphysics, it refers to the three factors which influences any one person's luck and life. Heaven, Man and Earth. Heaven is what you're given and cannot be chosen (such as the date and time you're born or who your parents and siblings are). Earth is the environment and the external forces which influence you and lastly, Man. Man refers to the conscious choices we make or in simple terms, our own freewill.

Yin & Yang 陰陽

The concept of duality and that everything in existence is connected. It is the theory of Oneness and explains all relationships that exists in this universe. Man and Woman. Light and Darkness. Positive and Negative. They mutually oppose and repel one another, yet they cannot exist without the other. Together, they create balance and harmony. The Five Elements above can also be divided into Yin or Yang polarities.



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STEP 2

KNOW YOURSELF

WHICH ANIMAL SIGN ARE YOU?

THE 12 ANIMAL FORECAST

SO, WHICH ANIMAL SIGN ARE YOU?

The Chinese Zodiac 十二生宵 is based on a twelve-year cycle with each represented by an animal sign. During the ancient times, the Chinese sages and astrologers chose to use farm animals to represent these stars so that it's easier for the peasants whom are mostly farmers identify them.

These signs are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and boar. It is calculated based on the Chinese Lunar Calendar system and the 10,000 year calendar. Each animal sign is also paired with 1 of the 10 elements (Earth, Fire, Water, Metal or Wood) in either the Yin or Yang polarity. For instance, 2017 is known as the Fire Rooster 丁酉 and 2018 is the Earth Dog 戊戌.

Here are some popular misconceptions about the Chinese Zodiacs

Normally, a person identifies him or herself with the animal zodiac of the YEAR he or she is born in.

For example, if someone is born in 2017, he or she is a Rooster. Or if someone is born in 2018, he or she is a Dog. Reading a forecast of an animal sign based only on the year, is at best ¼ complete. The reason is simple, a person actually has FOUR animal signs nested in his or her own BaZi chart. There are four pillars, Hour, Day, Month and Time of birth forming eight characters (hence the name BaZi which directly translates to Eight Characters). On the top is the Element and the bottom the Animal Sign, each representing the different kinds of Qi imprinted in your chart and thus, one's Destiny.

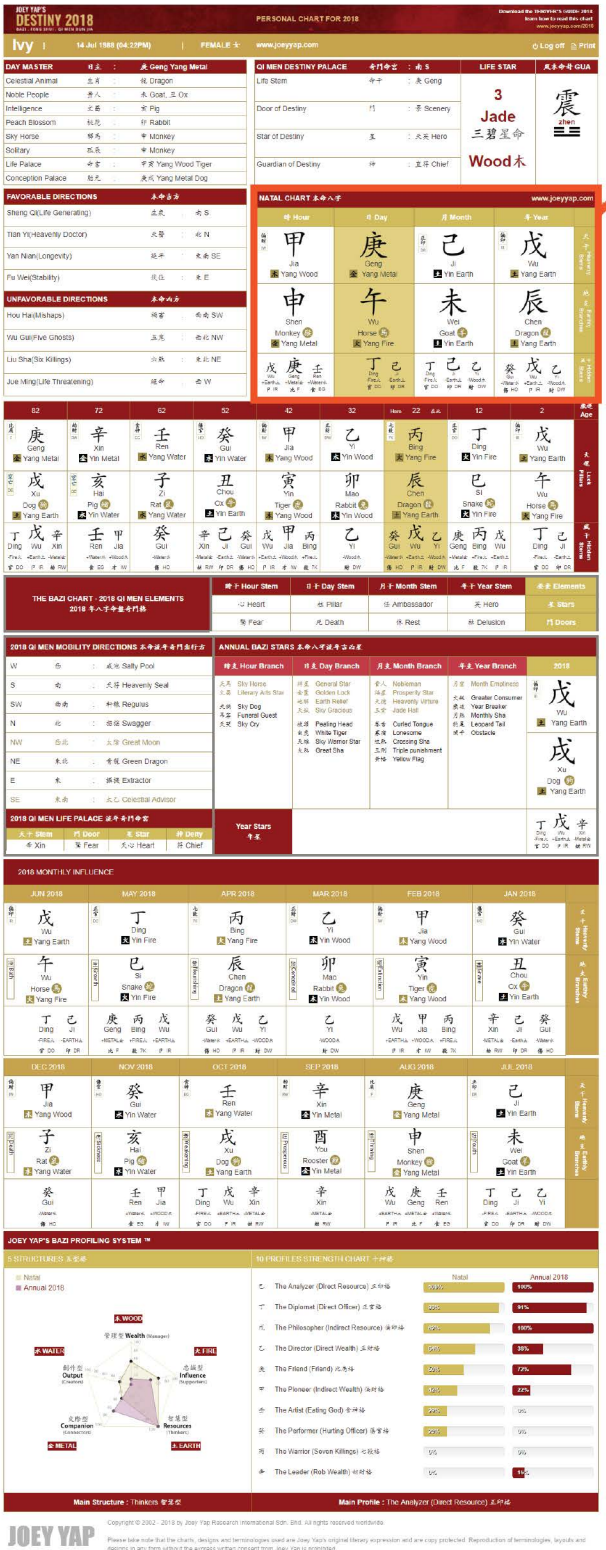
Here's a table illustrating the Year and Animal signs of each.

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丑 CHOU OX	1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
寅 YIN TIGER	1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
卯 MAO RABBIT	1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
辰 CHEN DRAGON	1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
巳 SI SNAKE	1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
午 WU HORSE	1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
未 WEI GOAT	1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
申 SHEN MONKEY	1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016
酉 YOU ROOSTER	1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017
戌 XU DOG	1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018
亥 HAI BOAR	1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

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BEFORE YOU GO ON, DO THIS FIRST

Your Personal Astrology Chart (BaZi) is like a treasure map. Based on your DOB, it maps out the opportunities as well as the paths you can take once you've set yourself a goal or a destination. Follow these steps to plot your FREE BaZi Astrology Charts.



This is where your BaZi is (Where you see your animal signs).

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02 REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT.
If you have registered, login with your email and password

03 KEY IN YOUR DATE AND TIME OF BIRTH.

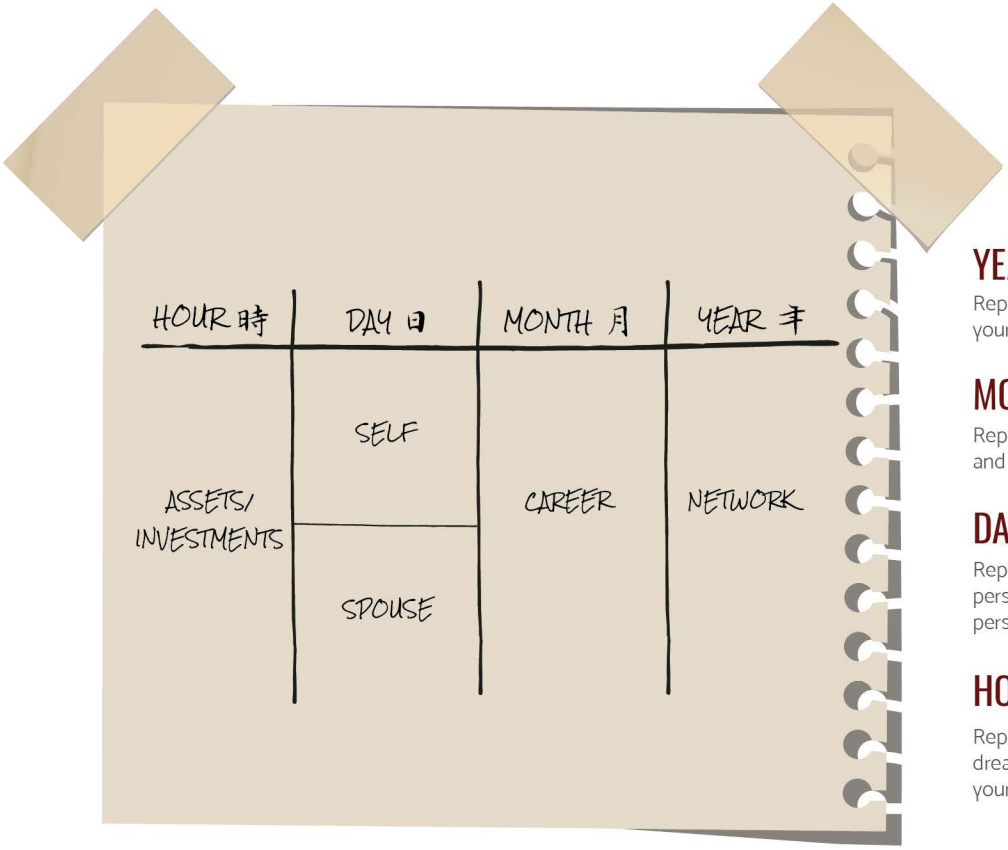
04 YOUR CHART IS READY.

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DISSECTING THE COMPONENTS OF YOUR NATAL CHART

THIS IS WHAT YOUR BAZI CHART CAN TELL YOU ABOUT YOURSELF



YEAR PILLAR

Represents your friends, your social circle, your outlook, your appearance.

MONTH PILLAR

Represents your work performance, career and business outlook and parents.

DAY PILLAR

Represents your personal relationships, personal views, personal thoughts, your personal feelings.

HOUR PILLAR

Represents your health, your ideas, dreams, hopes, inspiration, your assets, your contribution and your children.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EACH PERSON HAS 4 ANIMAL SIGNS AND NOT JUST 1?

NATAL CHART 本命八字			www.joeyyap.com
時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
丙 Bing 火 Yang Fire	丁 Ding 火 Yin Fire	乙 Yi 木 Yin Wood	壬 Ren 水 Yang Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu Horse 馬 火 Yang Fire	酉 You Rooster 雞 金 Yin Metal	巳 Si Snake 蛇 火 Yin Fire	戌 Xu Dog 狗 土 Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding -Fire 火 比 F 己 Ji -Earth 土 食 EG	辛 Xin -Metal 金 才 IW	庚 Geng +Metal 金 財 DW 丙 Bing +Fire 火 枭 RW 戊 Wu +Earth 土 傷 HO	丁 Ding -Fire 火 比 F 戊 Wu +Earth 土 傷 HO 辛 Xin -Metal 金 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This person has 4 animal signs in the Year, Month, Day and Hour Pillar.

Horse in the hour, Rooster in the day, Snake in the Month and Dog in the Year (Someone who is born in the year of the dog).

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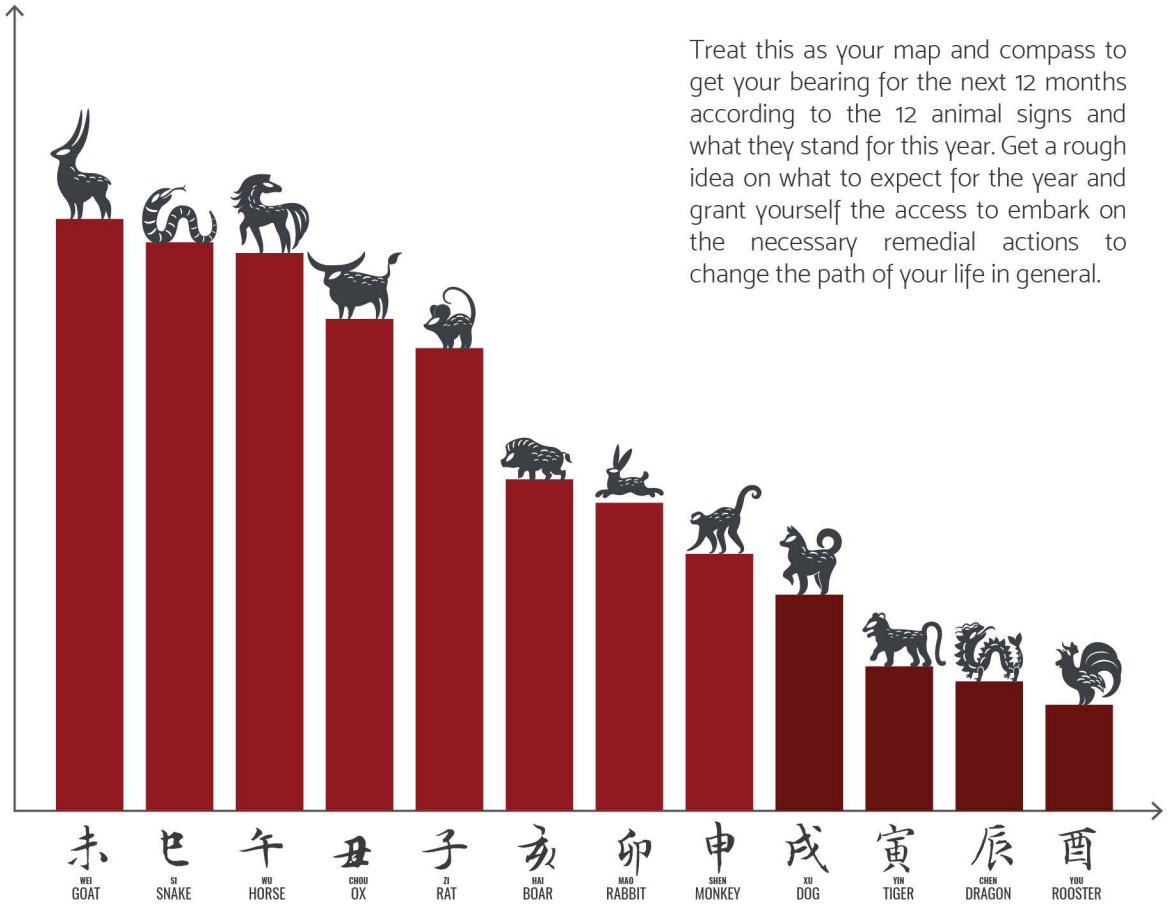
ANIMAL SIGNS IN 2018

RANKING THE 12 ANIMAL SIGNS

Remember earlier we told you that each person has 4 animal signs? Now apply these ratings to the life aspect of that particular Pillar
(e.g. career/month pillar)

Treat this as your map and compass to get your bearing for the next 12 months according to the 12 animal signs and what they stand for this year. Get a rough idea on what to expect for the year and grant yourself the access to embark on the necessary remedial actions to change the path of your life in general.

Forecast for Year 2018



Animal Signs

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DOG



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1934, 1946, 1958,1970,
1982, 1994, 2006, 2018

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 will be a challenging year of disruptions. The changes will be uncomfortable but like any progress that is to be made, the pain will result in gain. The important thing is to remain optimistic and never letting your feet stop. This is a year where you have to find your new equilibrium to balance your life.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Elegant Seal Star (華蓋) sits with the Dog in 2018 and is considered to be one of the most auspicious stars – ideal for those seeking to advance their careers. However, the Grand Duke (太歲) also negates some of this because it will trigger a chain of disruptions affecting your personal life including relationships and wealth.

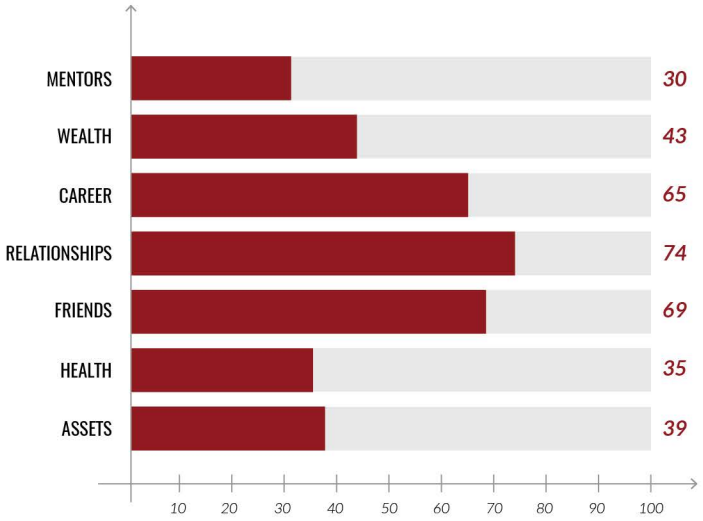
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Look out for advancing career opportunities this year – a well-deserved promotion or bonus awaits you.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Take extra caution when making investments and extra care of your health. Do not let work related matters compromise your health.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
卯 Mao Rabbit



Incompatible with
辰 Chen Dragon

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

小心驶得万年船

Caution is the parent of safety

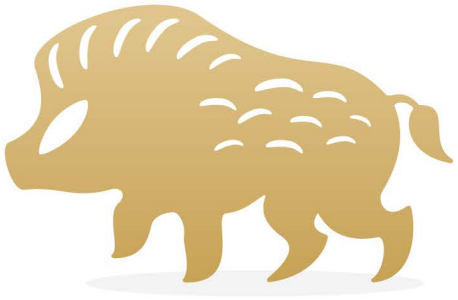
-Ancient Chinese Sayings

The great general Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, " In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

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BOAR



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1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 is going to be a year worth celebrating. You will be presented with new opportunities for wealth, career progression, and new relationships. Just remember to stay grounded, keep a clear mind and stay focused and you will be able to achieve anything you set out to pursue this year.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Boar is blessed with Sky Happiness Star (天喜) – a star that favors knowledge and new relationships. For those singles, you may notice love knocking on your door, so don't shy away to seek out a new love. To those in a relationship, take advantage of this star to strengthen relationship bonds with people you love. However, the presence of Sky Emptiness Star (天空) also denotes the danger of becoming entrapped in your own negativity.

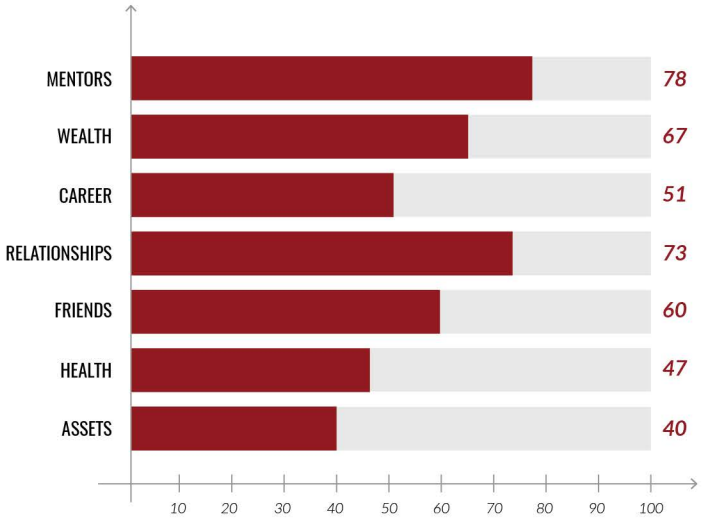
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

This year is the chance for you to be influential. Be it at work, or social media, put your thoughts and share your ideas out there and you might find it turning into thrilling investments.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Making new friends is definitely fun but it can also be exhausting and draining; something which comes in the package of being in the spotlight. Keep an eye for situations that could persuade you to stray away from your planned path.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
寅
Yin
Tiger



Incompatible with
巳
Si
Snake

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

一步一个脚印儿

Every step leaves its footprint

-Chinese Proverb

Focus on your goals and perform consistently to make solid progress.

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RAT



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1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008

2018 OVERVIEW

This is the year for your to take your personal development to the next level. Keep yourself open to life and what it has to offer and you will soon see that time has a mysterious way of working its way around. Luck with noble people is strong just as long as you remember to not be afraid to seek out help whenever needed.

HIGHLIGHTS

The auspicious Eight Seats Star (八座) is present in the Rat this year. Make full use of this and look out for opportunities to boost your fortunes. However, the Blood Knife Star (血刃) will appear in the Rat midst this year - a star that is associated with heightened risks and injuries.

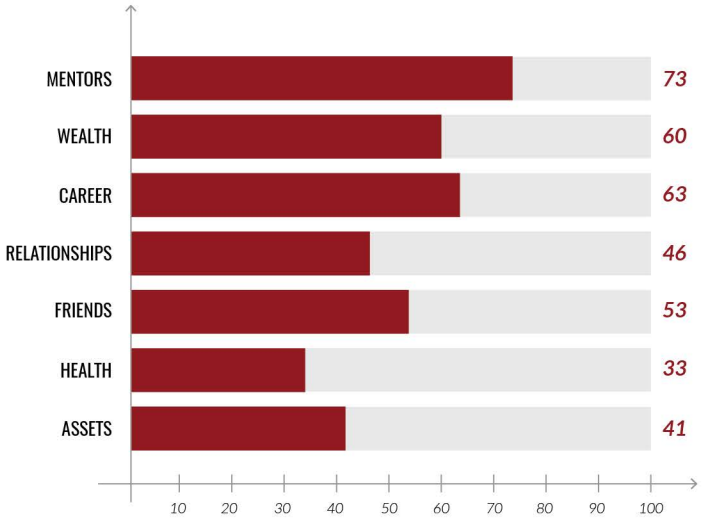
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Pick up a new skillset or improve ones you already have this year. Perhaps, even take up some courses to add value to your abilities.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Health department looks a little vulnerable this year. Forgo any participation in extreme sports like hiking, weightlifting or water rafting for the time being. Do not put yourself in a position where you are vulnerable to serious physical injury.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
丑 Chou Ox



Incompatible with
午 Wu Horse

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

不怕慢，就怕停

Be not afraid of growing slowly.
Be afraid only of standing still.

-Chinese Proverb

Always remember that you need to keep going and don't ever stop. Life is full of challenges. Keep going no matter what. You will get there eventually.

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1925, 1937, 1949, 1961,
1973, 1985, 1997, 2009

2018 OVERVIEW

With this new year, take the world to be your oyster and enjoy a prosperous year ahead. Efforts will easily be paid off as long as you remember to strive to hit all the right targets. The important thing is to keep your ego in check and not be too indulged in whatever that is bestowed upon you.

HIGHLIGHTS

A good year for those who are looking to invest or advance in your career. With the presence of the Moon Star (太陰), you have the Midas touch this year - the ability to increase your wealth greatly. However, with the presence of several inauspicious stars, your reputation may be at stake as these stars are associated with possible gossips, miscommunication and negative influences.

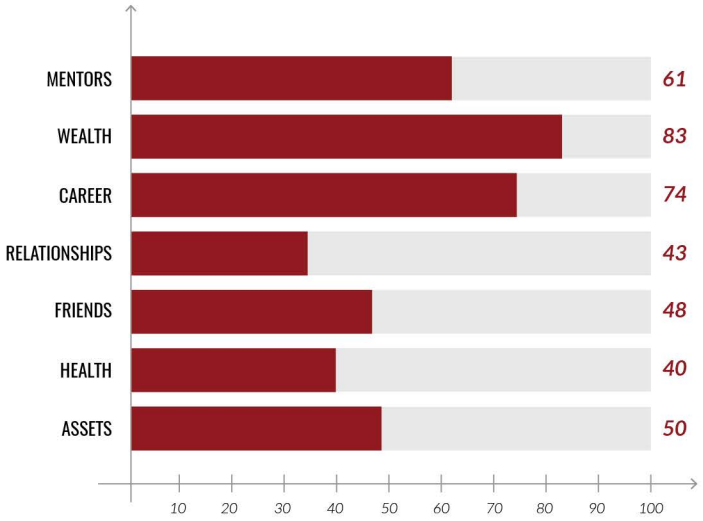
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Your efforts will bear fruits easily this year. Be ready for some good news at work or even a positive return from an investment.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Don't be afraid to visit your doctor to address any issues (even as minor as a viral fever).

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
子 Zi Rat



Incompatible with
未 Wei Goat

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

大处着想，小处着手

Think Big, Act Small

-Chinese Proverb

You can have a really big dream, but take small consistent action towards this dream. This proverb advises us to always keep the overall situation in mind and be far-sighted while we set our hands to mundane business.

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YIN
TIGER



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1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010

2018 OVERVIEW

This is a year filled with surprises as there are both welcomed and unwelcomed events playing out for the next 12 months. Although there are good things geared up this year, just remember that nothing comes in handed on a silver platter to anyone. Do not be afraid to put in the hard work and you will be richly awarded. The keys to a great 2018 is balance and caution. You're going to expect a lot of success in your business or professional life. So much so that in these will arouse jealousy and envy amongst your subordinates leading to other slightly more complicated matters, but nothing you wouldn't be able to handle.

HIGHLIGHTS

Three Stages Star (三台) makes its home in the Tiger this year, star which makes a positive impact on your professional ambitions. On another note, the Back Poking Star (指背) makes its home in the Tiger too – a star known for jealousy, gossips, and misunderstandings which may trigger some unwanted circumstances to you.

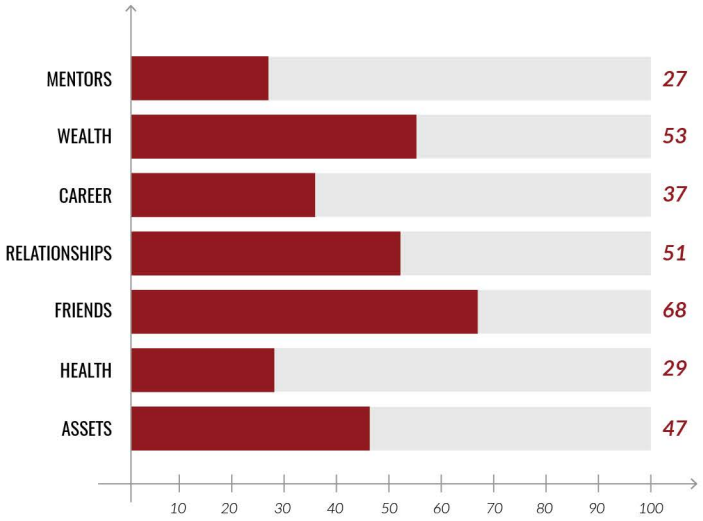
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Don't be afraid to showcase your talent and share your ideas at work this year. Actively participate in meetings and brainstorming activities and you'll notice pleasant outcomes.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Be wary of who you choose to trust this year – at anytime, anywhere.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

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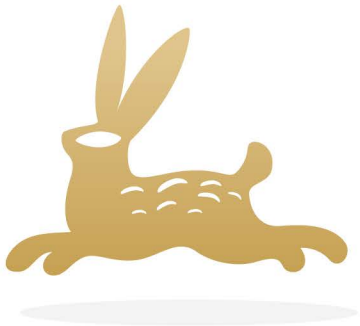
To learn without thinking is blindness, to think without learning is idleness
-Confucius

Learning without thought means labour lost; thought without learning is perilous.

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RABBIT



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1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

2018 OVERVIEW

There's going to be a lot happening in 2018 for you. You'll see a new high in your social activities as well as new relationships. It's a great year to learn a new skill or start a new role because 2018 will be a year that you'll easily associate yourself with a good mentor or boss.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand Duke Combination star (歲合) resides in the Rabbit this year. This star is considered to be among one of the stars that brings a great positive influence of both current and new relationships in your life. However, with the presence of Salty Pool Star (咸池), there may be minor health issues present to the senior members of your family.

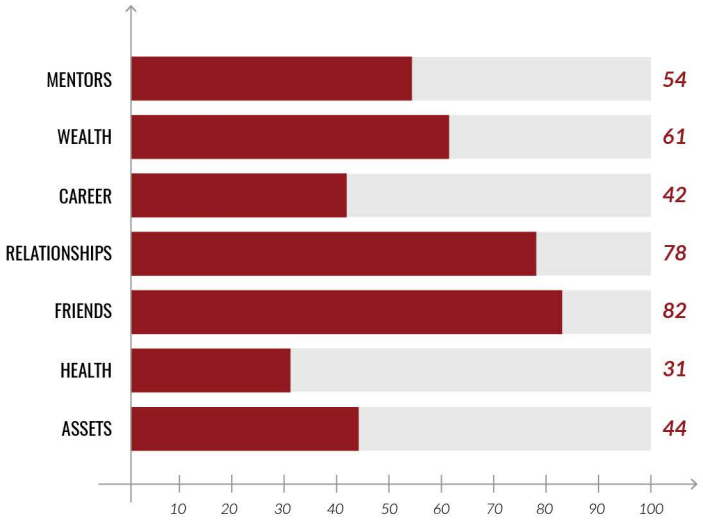
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Make yourself available to meet and befriend new people as by knowing the right people could get you far in life. Don't be shy to even increase your social media friends and connections this year.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Keep an eye out for your cash flow to avoid any unnecessary and extravagant spending. It is very important this year that you don't spend a lot more than what you need to.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

师傅领进门
修行在个人

The master leads you to the door, the rest is up to you
-Chinese Proverb

Nothing great comes falling easily. Put in every ounce of effort you have and you'll be able to see great success.

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CHEN
DRAGON



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1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012

2018 OVERVIEW

If you're looking for new challenges, 2018 will be your year. The abundance of opportunities in the Earth Dog year will be birthed by the obstacles that are an essential part of the equation. As long as you are prepared even for the worse and be prudent on planning and you'll have nothing to worry about.

HIGHLIGHTS

With the presence of Month Emptiness Star (月空), this is your chance to dream big. Although some dreams may be unrealistic, stick to the principle of "move rather than stay still". However, Leopard Tail Star (豹尾) also sits with Dragon this year so you may find that a little harder effort is needed to progress in whatever you do. What is important here is that you trust yourself to judge your own capabilities.

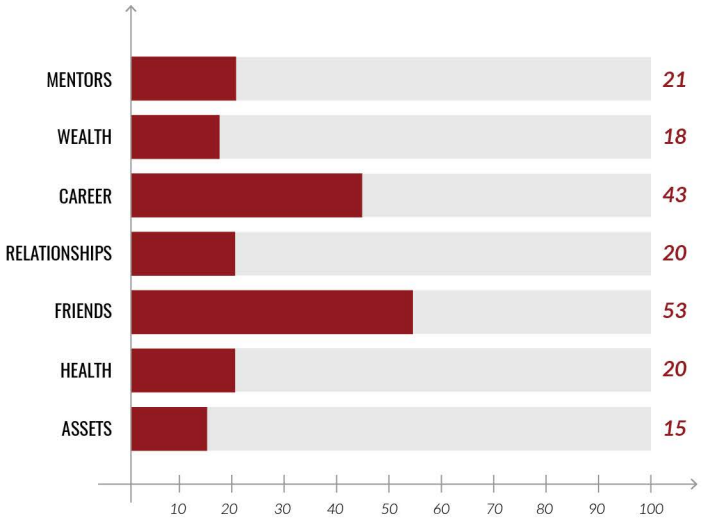
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Try working on what's right in front of you this year instead of shooting for the moon. Let challenges make you grow and give yourself the chance to embrace the present.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Be extra cautious on the physical threats that may affect your health. This especially applies to ones that come from the road. And if you are planning on expanding your business or taking on big projects, just remember to be prepared for all possible scenarios and you will have nothing to worry about. Just like the famous quote that goes "hope for the best, prepare for the worst."

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
酉 You Rooster



Incompatible with
戌 Xu Dog

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

生命是一连串的自发的自然变化。
逆流而动只会徒增伤悲。

Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes.
Don't resist them, that only creates sorrow.
-Lao Tzu

Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.

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SNAKE



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1929, 1941, 1953, 1965,
1977, 1989, 2001, 2013

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 looks promising and good for you so make this year about flourishing and forging new bonds with people around you. Things will start to look smooth and good for you in almost all aspects of your life even with some minor unexpected events here and there.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Snake is home to the Emperor Star (紫微) and Red Matchmaker Star (紅鸞) this year. Two auspicious stars capable of bringing an immense positive impact to your relationship and social aspects. However, there's also the appearance of the Dark Sky Star (天厄) – a star that suggests the possibility of you getting into minor accidents.

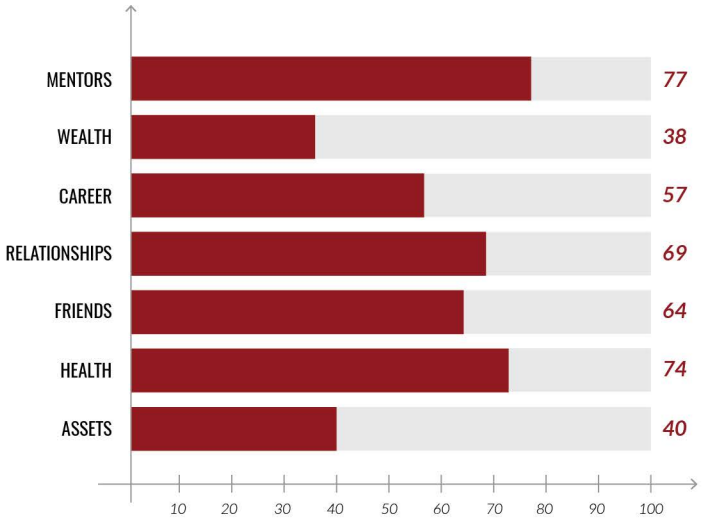
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Single Snakes, start putting yourself out there and seeking out love as this year is an extremely good time for you to find yourself in a fruitful relationship with the right person.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Careful with what you have to say this year. There is a tendency of you saying the wrong things and offending someone.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

千里之行始於足下

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

-Lao Tzu

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small.

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HORSE



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1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 seems to be on your side. Do not be overly cautious with any changes happening this new year and trust the year to have your back. Don't let this golden opportunity go to waste and start aiming for the stars!

HIGHLIGHTS

Three favorable stars reside with the Horse this year! Golden Lock Star (金匱) which indicates wealth and financial gain; Earth Relief Star (地解) which indicates that you will possess the skills required to turn challenges into your favor. And General Star (將星) which indicates there is opportunity for you to receive assistance from the people around you.

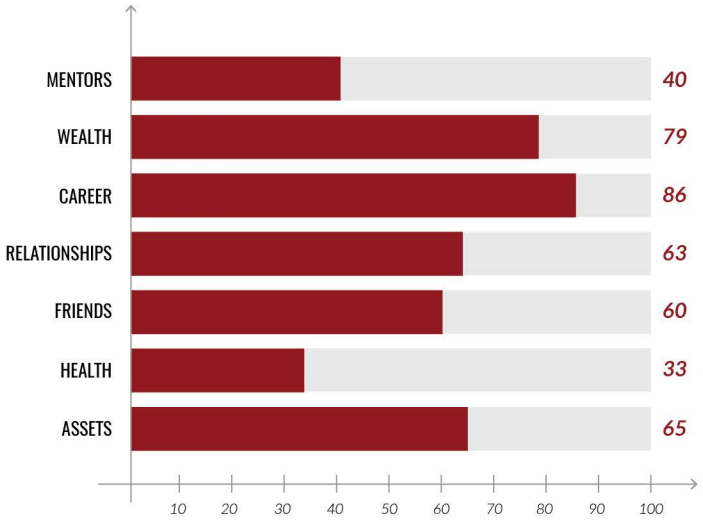
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

If you always had a goal you wanted to pursue, do it this year! Take up that class, cross off that item on your bucket list, or even make that investment you always wanted to – there may also be lucrative investments in property. All things will be in favor to you this year.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Try putting yourself in other people's shoes before voicing out your thoughts and opinion and watch your voice and actions this year. That way, you will be able to steer away from any communication difficulties that might happen. Do make it a point to avoid gambling on things that you aren't able to fully understand.

ANNUAL ANALYSIS



YOUR COMPATIBILITY



Compatible with
未 Wei Goat



Incompatible with
子 Zi Rat

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

健康是最珍惜的拥有，
知足是最宝贵的财富，
自信是最亲近的朋友，
无欲则是最伟大的幸福

Health is the greatest possession
Contentment is the greatest treasure
Confidence is the greatest friend
Non-being is the greatest joy

-Lao Tzu

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GOAT



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1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 looks promising as it is dominated by positive events. There may be minor hiccups here and there every now and then but none of them will be significant enough to bring troubles to you. Golden opportunities will be presented to you as compensation for the few trials thrown your way.

HIGHLIGHTS

Excellent year for asset acquisition with the presence of Jade Hall Star (玉堂). However, the Lonesome Star also makes its home in the Goat this year. This star is known to affect your mental and emotional well-being.

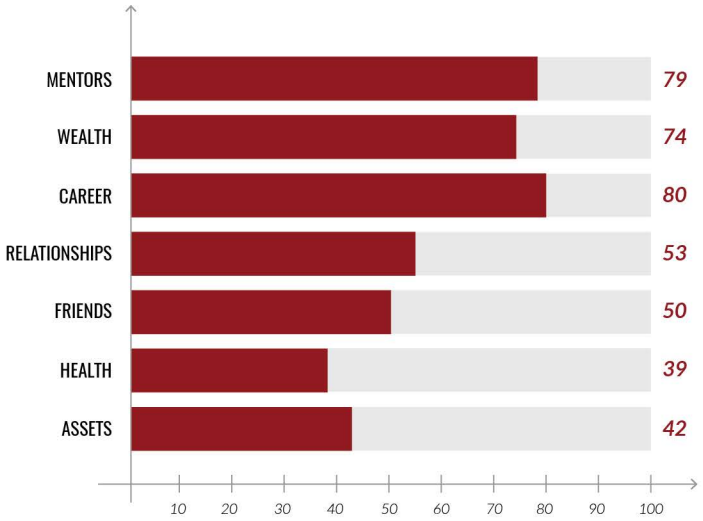
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Look forward to improving any skills you already have and make use of every opportunity available to increase chances of promotion or advancement at work.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Watch out for envious people (especially coming from your work place). It won't be big news for you if you find yourself dealing with malicious lies thrown your way.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

智者能自己做决定，
愚者跟随舆论

A wise man makes his own decisions, an ignorant man follows the public opinion

-Chinese Proverb

Stay true to your goals. Be true to yourself.

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MONKEY



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1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 will be a year for you to take stock and look inwards for growth. The key to making it a successful year is to have absolute clarity and perseverance. Whilst things may seem to come across as obstacles and unmovable mountains at first, the silver lining will soon reveal itself leading to breakthroughs.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sky Horse Star (天馬) is represented as the travelling star and it sits with the Monkey this year. With this star present, energy for good wealth opportunities surround you, especially when the travelling is related to business travel. Sky Cry Star (天哭) is also present in the Monkey. This start is known to toy with your emotional well-being so it's important that you do not let yourself be consumed by any negative emotions.

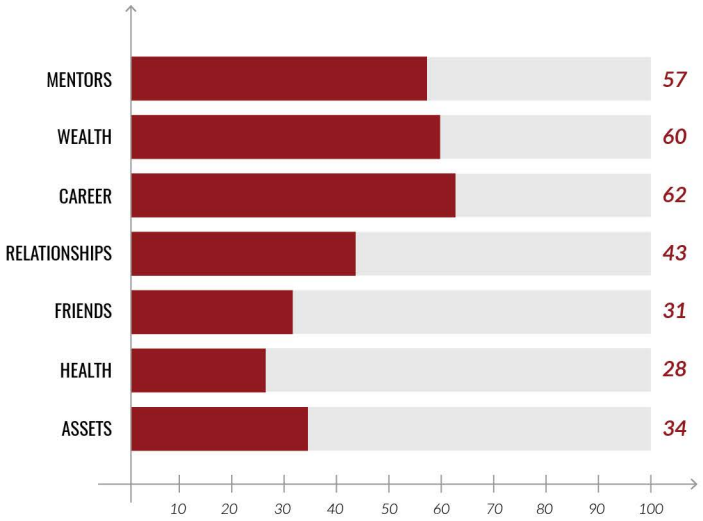
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Travelling opportunities will come up your way and do not say no to it. Look at this as a chance for a career boost or a doorway for you to broaden your horizon.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Try opting out attending any funerals (if possible) to look after your own well-being. Also, this year it's time for you to minimize your spending and maximize your savings instead.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

水滴石穿，绳锯木断

Dripping water pierces a stone,
a saw made of rope cuts through wood.

-Chinese Proverb

Patience and persistence can break through anything, no matter how great the difficulty.
Don't underestimate actions however small they are. Given time, it will yield returns.

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ROOSTER



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1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017

2018 OVERVIEW

2018 is the time for you to slow down and take a breather. There might even be a period of time where you feel that life is stagnant and nothing interesting or out of the norm is happening. Use this time as an opportunity for you to review your lifestyle and take care of your well-being instead.

HIGHLIGHTS

With Surpassing Path Star in Rooster this year, there are possibilities for you to win in terms of getting a promotion or an increment at work. This star is also an indication of an enhanced social life. However, aspects of your health might not look too good. Sickness Charm Star (病符) and Six Harms Star (六害) takes Rooster as their home this year - stars known to cause anguish to your health (mental, physical and emotion).

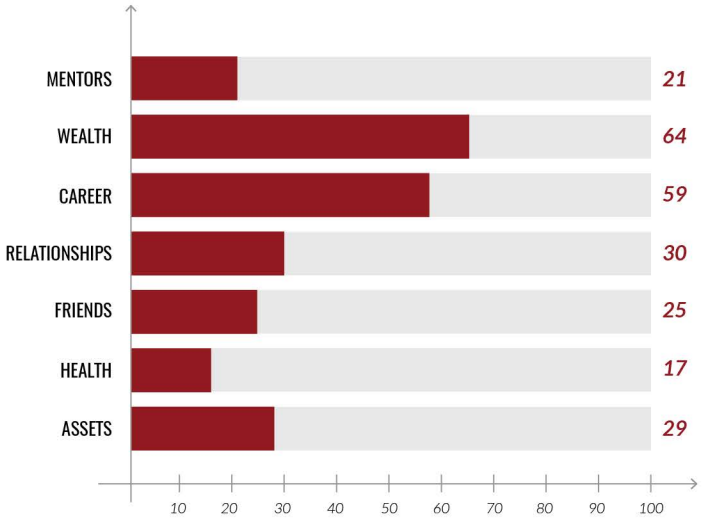
THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Allow yourself to rest and be taken care of (by yourself) and you will be able to see chances of you climbing up the corporate ladder or winning a career advancement. A healthy mind and body, is an energized mind and body, ready to take on whatever that comes your way.

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Do not let trivial things get in your way and affect your state of mind. Let go of hurtful feelings and try not to be too affected on what others think of you. Regular meditation is encouraged to clear your mind and thoughts from negativity. Also, be reminded to tackle financial issues with caution this year.

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YOUR COMPATIBILITY



YOUR MANTRA FOR 2018

吃一堑，长一智

A fall into the pit, a gain in your wit.

-Chinese Proverb

Having gone through setbacks, one will have gained experience and wisdom, which will be useful if only one can take warning and learn something from the setback.

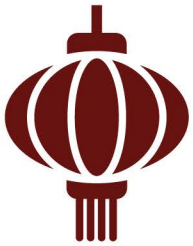
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STEP 3

FIND THE OPPORTUNITIES OR GAPS IN 2018

YOUR 2018 CHINESE NEW YEAR

YOUR 2018 FENG SHUI GUIDE



YOUR 2018 CHINESE NEW YEAR



CHINESE NEW YEAR

In Western countries, the new year begins at the start of January. As we bid goodbye to the previous year and take stock of what we've accomplished, we also usher in new tidings. We promise to do better, think better and be better in the form of New Year's resolutions.

In the East, the premise is similar. The Chinese New Year (CNY) is also a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. Traditionally, it is accentuated with large family dinners, reunions and gatherings. Many of these festivities are rooted in centuries-old traditions and rituals.

While the primary focus during the Chinese New Year is predominantly on family reunion, there are many other customs that are rigidly observed during the fifteen days of celebrations. What many people do not realize, is that the origins of these practices, traditions and rituals are actually based on Chinese Astrology and Metaphysics.

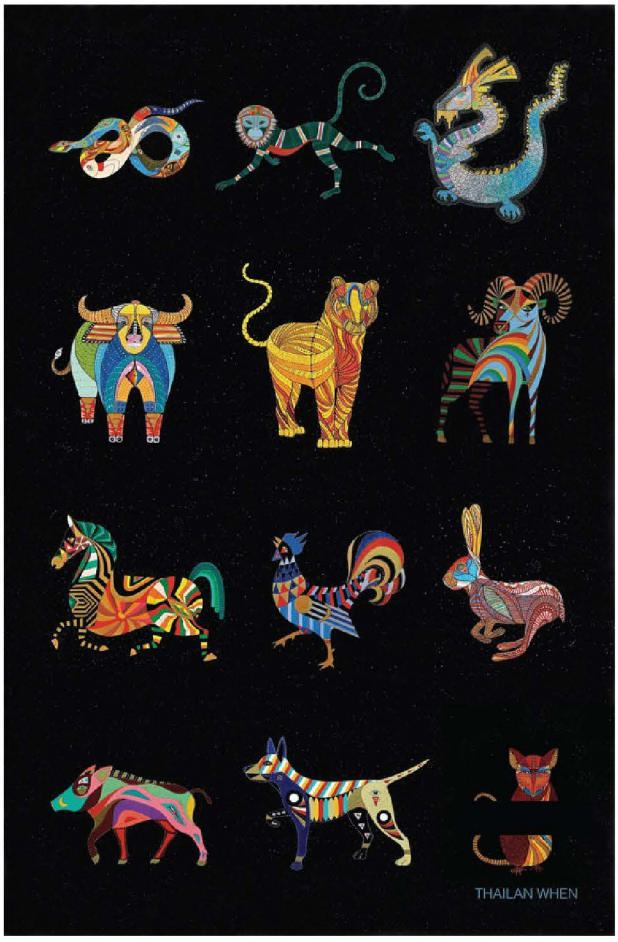
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11 FACTS ABOUT THE CHINESE NEW YEAR



1 IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE SPRING FESTIVAL

Did you know that the Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival? Why? According to the lunar calendar, this day marks the beginning for Spring. Back in the days, the Chinese would look forward to begin this season as it marks the end of the coldest part of winter – giving them a reason to rejoice and celebrate!



2 EACH CHINESE NEW YEAR STARTS WITH A NEW ANIMAL ZODIAC

Many might not know that there is a legend revolving around the 12 animal signs. As the tale goes, there was a day where the 12 animals argued as to who was to head the cycle of the years and as a result, a contest was held: whoever was the first to cross the river would be the first, and the rest of the animals would receive their years according to their finish. While all animals jumped into the riverbank and started the race, the rat jumped on the back of the Ox instead and jumped off just when the Ox was about to climb ashore. The Rat won and that is why the Rat is the first year of the animal cycle, the Ox second and so on.

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3 THE ORIGIN OF LUNAR NEW YEAR AND THE LEGEND OF NIAN

Legend has it that thousands of years ago, there was a monster called Nian and every first day of the year, the beast would awaken and terrorize the people in the village causing the villagers to live in fear. The villagers then started using loud noises, red colors and bright lights to scare the monster away – as red is the color it hates the most and noise is what it hates the most. The Nian never returned to the village again. And so, the people of China continued this tradition of making noise and decorating their houses in red during the new year – a tradition which spread to other parts of the world as well and stayed till this very day.



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4 1 OUT OF 6 PEOPLE ON THE PLANET CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is not only celebrated in China, but is also observed in many other places around the world - Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore and some other Asian countries as well. With time, the festive celebrations has expanded and spread out to the Western side of the world - New York, London, Sydney, Vancouver (to name a few) making Chinese New Year now one of the world's most celebrated festivals!

5 THE ANG POW TRADITION 紅包

The ang pow practice dates back to the Qin Dynasty where the elderly would thread coins with a red string to gift the younger generation as Ya Sui Qian – means "money to ward off evil spirits." This was believed to protect the recipient from sickness and death. The Ya Sui Qian was later on replaced by red envelopes when printing presses became more common and is now found written using the homophone for suì which means "old age" instead of "evil spirits." From then on, Red envelopes continued to be referred to by such names till today.

6 THE CHINESE NEW YEAR DATES CHANGES EVERY YEAR

The Chinese New Year is celebrated following the lunar calendar – which is based on the time the moon takes to go around the Earth - 29.5 days. And in order to 'catch up' with the solar calendar, the Chinese adds an extra month once every few years (the same as how an extra day is added on a leap year), which explains why the new year falls on different dates every year according to the Western calendar.



8 WORLD'S LARGEST EXODUS

Chinese New Year period is also known to be the season of the largest human migration in the world. The annual epic travel rush happens during this time of the year where no matter where they are, people try their best to return home for a family reunion during the Chinese New Year holiday.



7 NO ONE USED TO KNOW WHAT YEAR IT WAS

According to legend, the lunar-solar Chinese Calendar is dated back to 2637 B.C when it was invented by Emperor Huangdi during his ruling. Prior to that, the Chinese never took the initiative with numbering sequentially. In fact, till today, there is no one universally accepted starting point. But it has generally been agreed that Year 1 corresponds to the supposed first year of Huangdi's rule in 2698 B.C which makes this upcoming year to be 4711.

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9 BAI NIAN 拜年

Bainian is a major activity during the Chinese New Year. It means to go around visiting friends and relatives and bringing along some "gifts" for them. In the Chinese community, it is especially important for the younger generation to have "Bainian" to their elders as a sign of respect. Bonus Tip: One of the most popular gifts to give for Bainian during the Chinese New year: BLUE TIN BUTTER COOKIES!



10 RECEIVING THE GOD OF WEALTH IN 2018 接财神

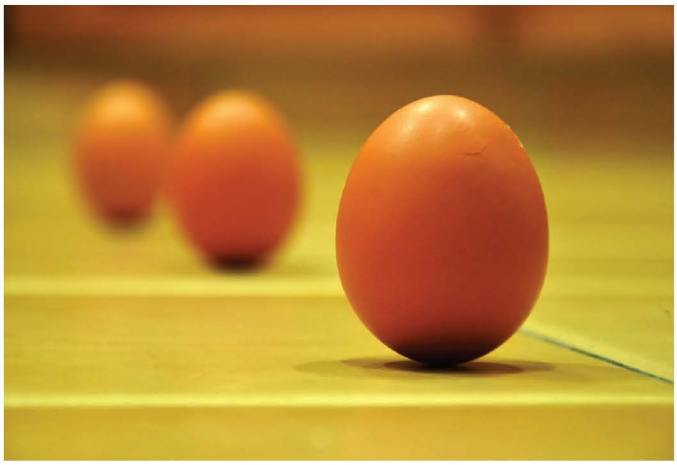
Many Chinese families worship the God of Wealth. Each CNY, they set up altars and rituals to welcome or receive Cai Shen （接财神） at auspicious hours.

What people don't realise is that in the ancient days, the Chinese astrologers and scholars used deities to name the stars as to not confuse the peasants or farmers.

11 LI CHUN 立春

What many might not know is that the beginning of spring is actually known to the Chinese as Li Chun. It marks the first out of the 24 terms in the Chinese solar calendar and falls between the 3rd or 4th of February every year; when the sun is at the celestial longitude of 315°. Something unique is known to happen every year on this day - it is said that it's much easier to balance an egg on its end. Some explanation has it that this strange phenomenon is due to the sun crossing the equator, making night and day equal on all parts of the earth.

Traditionally, Li Chun is an important day to the ancient Chinese farmers. They would often celebrate the beginning of Li Chun with ceremonies and worships for a prosperous harvest year. This practice is carried on till today with the belief that if you deposit money (since harvest is a symbol of prosperity) during this day, it will bring you a good start and welcoming money luck for the upcoming year.



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THE 15 DAYS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

FOR THE YEAR OF THE EARTH DOG 2018

The Chinese New Year celebration starts with the new moon, lasting to the first day of the full moon, 15 days later. Throughout these 15 days, there is a day-to-day celebration and on the 15th day, Lantern Festival is celebrated – which is a major festival in China. And the activities of Chinese New Year will reach a high point on this day with streets getting crowded from dancing parades during the day, and people walking around with colorful lanterns at night.



CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

Prior to Chinese New Year, every nook and corner of houses will be cleaned; from sweeping, to dusting, to washing and decluttering. Dust is traditionally associated with "Old," so cleaning and getting rid of it symbolizes bidding farewell to the old and welcoming the new.

Once the New Year comes, cleaning is forbidden for the first few days in fear that the good luck the New Year brings might also be 'swept' or 'dusted' away along with the old. Often, new clothing are also purchased before the New Year as a symbol of a new start.



This day is pretty much conducive for commencing work and as such it stands in good wisdom that all spring cleaning activities will go smoothly in preparation to welcome in all the good things the coming year will bring.

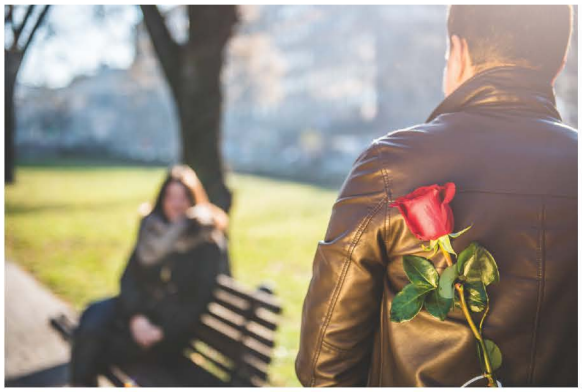
Make the effort as well to proceed with whatever purchases you need to do in preparation for the Lunar New Year as you are likely to also find such activities will find favour on this day. Ensure you settle all remaining debts you have in the current year.

SPECIAL QIMEN HOURS

Just place yourself backing the said direction at the said time. These hours are based on Qi Men Dun Jia, so you DO NOT have to be in the sector of your property. In other words, you need to face the opposite direction of what is stated in performing these activities (South means, you sit with your back against the south and face towards the North)

5.00am - 7.00am | EAST

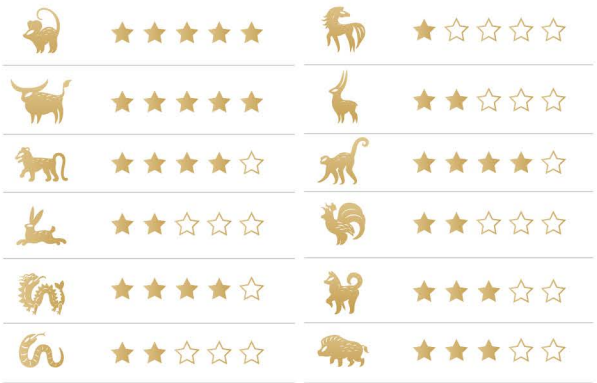
With a 7 Star Harmony sitting in the East, it's a great time to foster greater connections. If you've been meaning to reveal your feelings to that special someone, make sure to use this time and direction.



1.00pm - 3.00pm | SOUTH

Considering an investment and want an auspicious hour to perform this activity? Use the South as the Flying Bird Fall Into Cave formation denotes great returns.

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CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

The eve of the Chinese New Year falls on the last day of the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

This day, in a way can be compared with the American Thanksgiving. This is the time of the year where family members will go the extra mile to be together for a big reunion dinner. There is an essential dish for this dinner, namely, fish, because fish in Chinese means prosperous and harvest, it symbolizes fortune and luck in the future year.

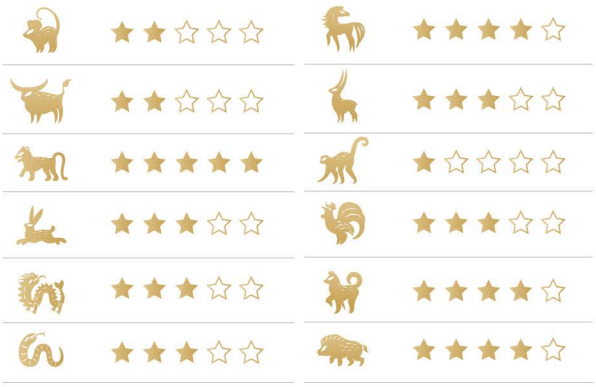


This day is largely favorable for all activities of preparations related to welcoming the Lunar New Year, most notably two important aspects which are the buying of new clothes and celebration of family unity. Hence, what better way to celebrate this than the coming together of multiple generations under one roof to welcome the coming of the Lunar New Year.





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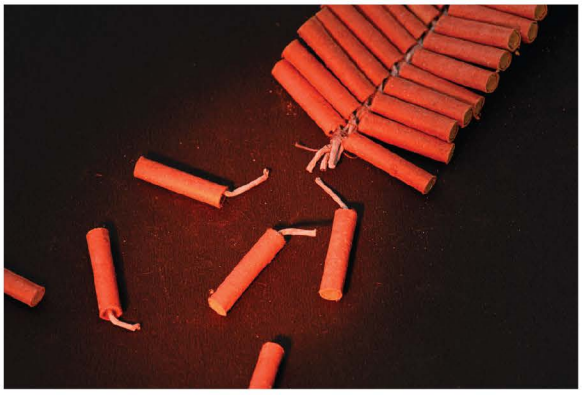


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CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

The first day of Chinese New Year is also the first day of spring according to the lunar calendar. The celebration for this day officially begins at midnight (right after the reunion dinner) with the blasting of firecrackers and fireworks, with the intention to drive out evil spirits. In the morning after, family members would practice Bainian (paying a visit) to each other – usually to the older or senior members of their extended families.



Since today is a day for celebration after all so put off any work, especially involving new projects, and spend the time with your family instead. From the standpoint of health, it usually means better care may need to be taken with food and the need to avoid excessive eating – which may be good advice especially after the heavy reunion feast from the day before!

For some Chinese families, they normally observe a vegetarian diet on the first day of Chinese New Year in honor of the birthday of the Bodhisattva Maitreya. A vegetarian diet can be a great way to detox and cleanse the body after the heavy feasting from the day before. Gambling is often popular during Chinese New Year but perhaps a little bit more restraint can be observed so that one does not get carried away. After all, you don't start off the year by incurring big losses!



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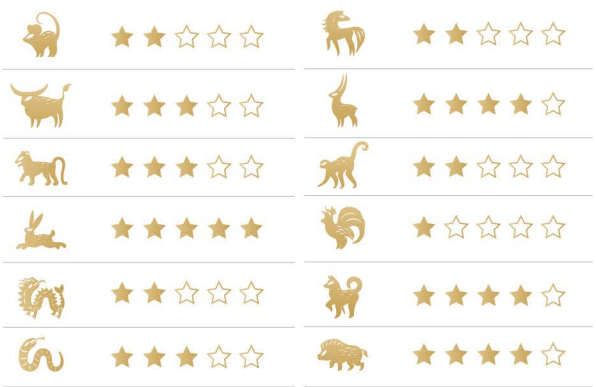
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This day is also known as "Ying Xu Ri" (a day to welcome sons-in-law). On this day, married daughters will visit their parental home with their spouses, bringing along gifts and Ang Paos (money in red packets) for the children at home.



Today will be an excellent day for the observance of family responsibilities and care for one's elders, so it can't be a more propitious day to pay respects to elderly relatives and wish them good health and longevity. Although uncommon nowadays, direct travel by sea route is not advised. So if you happen to be returning back to your hometown which is located on an island, you should take care not to do it on this day and it will be best to do it on another day.

SPECIAL QIMEN HOURS

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11.00am - 1.00pm | SOUTH

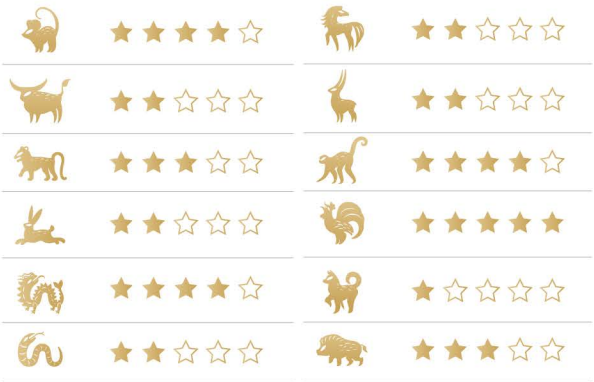
Plan your main family gatherings and activities today at this hour. Sitting with your back against the South, you have the 7 Star Rest Door with you.

1:00pm - 3:00pm | SOUTH

If you're planning to travel, 1.00pm will be a good time to set out from the South. The 7 Start Nine Heaven together with Scenery Door combination denotes a beautiful and memorable journey.



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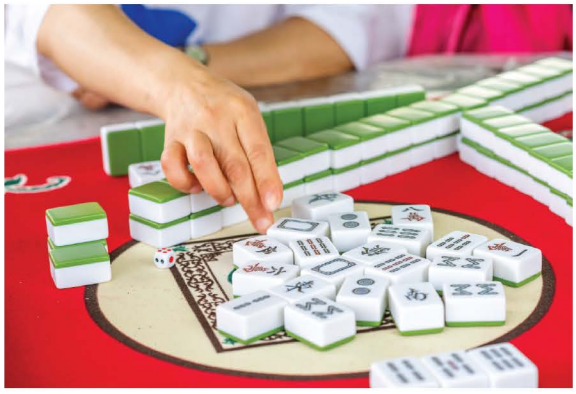


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In direct contract with the first two days of Chinese New Year, day three is considered bad to visit friends and family. This day is believed to be "Chi Kou Ri" (the day of red mouth): a supposedly inauspicious day where people refrain from going outdoors.



Making pilgrimages to temples to give thanks to deities as well as to pray for good year ahead is a popular activity during the Chinese New Year. If you are planning to do so, today is considered excellent for such activities so you are encouraged to do so to seek divine blessings.

Since travelling is one of the activities which is not favorable for today, make this a day to spend quality time bonding with the immediate family, especially those who had already returned home from distant places.

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5.00pm - 7.00pm | EAST

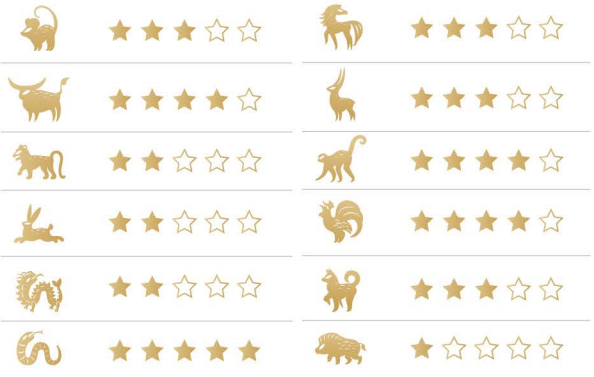
We have the 7 Star Chief in the East at this hour. It's the perfect time for a lot of things. If you have nothing important, try making a wish or a prayer. Even some me time through meditation would be extra special.



3.00pm - 5.00pm | EAST

If you're planning any travels or holidays, heading out towards the West (opposite of the East backing) would be highly auspicious. The 7 Star Open Door and Bing sits with the East.

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The fourth day of the Chinese New Year is quite an auspicious day. This day is usually used to welcome the god of fortune (and other gods). Those who have an altar at home would usually perform payers and seek for blessings on this day.



The fourth day of the Lunar New Year is usually the day in which the Chinese welcome back the household deities after their send off before the Chinese New Year to present their annual report to the Jade Emperor. It is strongly encouraged that the entire family should participate as a symbol of togetherness, improve bonds, as well as to receive the blessings of the deities for an auspicious year ahead.

This would also be an excellent day for recommencement of work and businesses. Hence, if you are planning on starting the year with first working day with a traditional welcome, this would be a great time to invite over some lion dancers to usher in positive energies and vibes.

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11.00am - 1.00pm | WEST

The Green Dragon Return formation along with the Chief is found at the West. This is a highly auspicious hour especially for prayers or religious activities.



7.00pm - 9.00pm | SOUTH

With the Open Door and a 7 Star Nine Heaven, it'd be a perfect time to handle any overseas affairs or business that's in your to-do list.

DAILY ENERGY

Rat	★☆☆☆☆	Horse	★★★★☆
Ox	★★☆☆☆	Goat	★★★★☆
Tiger	★★★★☆	Monkey	★★★☆☆
Rabbit	★★☆☆☆	Rooster	★★★☆☆
Dragon	★★★☆☆	Dog	★★★★☆
Snake	★★★☆☆	Pig	★★☆☆☆

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The fifth day is commonly known as "Po Wu" ('Po' means breaking), indicating many taboos can be broken on this day. There are also many stories about the origin of the Festival of Po Wu; one of the most popular is that this day is the birthday of the god of fortune. Some people would also light firecrackers, in the hope to attract the God of Fortune's attention.



After dedicating several days to family, you can now to calling on friends and acquaintances. If you have already begun your new work year, this would be an excellent time to strengthen bonds between friends, perhaps even your work contacts through simple gestures such as gift of Chinese New Year goodies to show your appreciation!

If you're looking to exercise some of the knowledge you have learnt about the Flying Stars for this year, you could look to activating the auspicious stars through the placement of water features.



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9.00am - 11.00am | WEST

The 7 Star Nice Heaven with a Green Dragon Return formation denotes a very auspicious time for travel. Take note, for this activity you have to travel towards the West (not East).



7.00pm - 9.00pm | SOUTH

Got a property or investment you're planning to acquire or sign on the dotted line? Use this hour to do it backing the South. We have a Bing Fire stem, 7 Stars and a very auspicious structure between 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

DAILY ENERGY

Monkey	★★☆☆☆	Goat	★★★★★
Ox	★☆☆☆☆	Rooster	★★★★★
Tiger	★★★☆☆	Dog	★★☆☆☆
Rabbit	★★★★☆	Pig	★★☆☆☆
Dragon	★★★☆☆	Rat	★★☆☆☆
Snake	★★★☆☆	Buffalo	★★★★☆

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Also known as "Ma Ri' (the day of the horse), the sixth day is the official day to commence work. According to traditional customs, families would usually send away the ghost of poverty on this day too.



This would be a great day to seek new beginnings which could potentially bring in multiplied gains. Pay heed to news from visiting relatives and friends as you will never know where these new opportunities may come from.

Among some of the traditions observed on the sixth day of the Lunar New Year includes a practice known as "Song Qiong 送窮" or "Sending Away Poverty" when families will symbolically rid themselves of bad fortunes and possible poverty of the year by gathering all the garbage and throwing them away. Though ritualistic in nature, the meaning of "getting rid of the old and beginning anew" is clear. Hence, this would be a great time to forget about past failures and go forth to seize the day.

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5.00pm - 7.00pm | SOUTHWEST

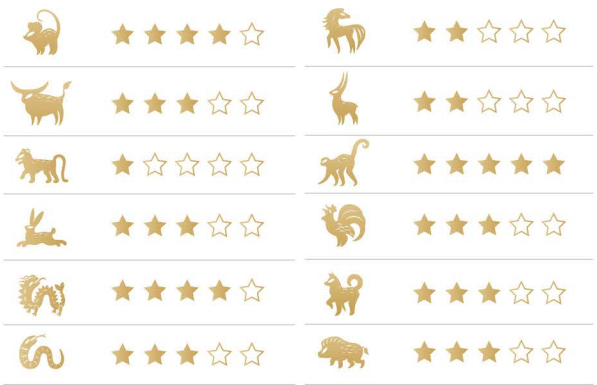
Acquiring property, landed assets in particular is highly recommended at this hour. If you haven't gotten your eye on one, keep your eyes peeled as the 7 Star Chief sits in the Southwest with the Wu Earth stem.



7.00pm - 9.00pm | EAST

If you've been meaning to collect some debt owed to you and wasn't really successful in your last few attempts, use the East (facing West). The 7 Star Harm Door together with the Ding Fire stem will be the perfect hour for this.

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Day seven is also known as the "Day of Humans" and considered by many to be the day that everyone grows a year older. According to Chinese mythology, a Goddess created human beings on the seventh day. Celebration for this day varies according to the region a person is in.

In modern times however, this is a day to be vegetarian. Tossing "yu sheng" (a colorful salad with raw fish) on this day is one of the common practice done on this day.



If you're a boss or self-employed, this is unfortunately not a day that favours you. If you're an employee then this is the day to get ahead and negotiate for better terms. While everyone is still in a festive mood as well, this would be a great time to negotiate deals that will likely be successful. This will in turn put you in favourable light in your employer's eyes which will definitely put you in the running for a raise or promotion when your next appraisal comes along.

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11.00am - 1.00pm | SOUTH

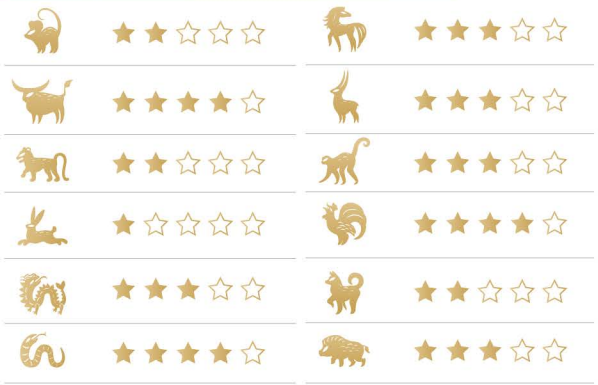
A very auspicious hour for praying or offerings to ancestors. It's a 6 Star Hook with the Ding Fire stem.

3.00pm - 5:00pm | EAST

Okay, here's another hour you can use to increase your chances of collecting any debts. Again, we have the Harm Door in the East.



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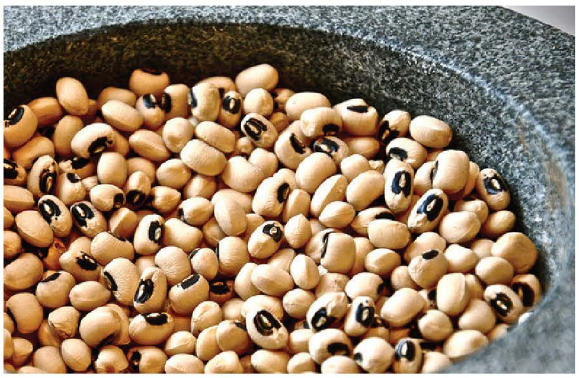
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The eight day is considered to be the "Day of Millet," – a favorite crop back in those days. Traditionally, in the past, people will not eat cooked grains on this day. Although today, millet is no longer among the staple food in China, the celebration of this day is still of great significance.

Many people will do good deed on this day in hopes of a smooth-sailing year. In countries like Malaysia, many employers will even thank their employees with free food.



This day does not usually bode well for matters regarding love – especially when it comes to marital bliss. It will be best to put off any plans to tie the knot on this particular day if you are hoping to hitch a ride along with the Chinese New Year festivities.

It does however favour commerce and the building of roads, both in the physical and figurative sense. If your business has yet to recommence for the new year, this will a great day to do so to build inroads to an auspicious year. For those who are still studying, today is also conducive for fresh starts in studies and education. If you're heading back to school after all the festivities, this day will definitely get you off to an auspicious start.

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1.00pm - 3.00pm | SOUTH

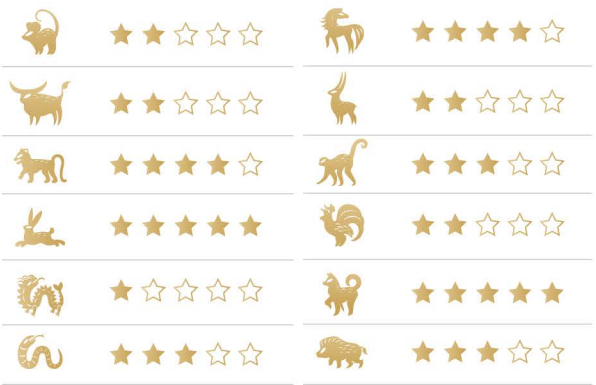
It's a Friday and this hour is a very auspicious hour for your travels especially if it's towards the South. The 7 Star Nine Heaven and the Rest Door denotes a very fruitful trip.

7.00pm - 9.00pm | NORTHWEST

Traveling or not, plan a family gathering at this hour. Use the Northwest to capitalize on the 6 Star Chief and Rest Door.



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The ninth day of the Lunar Calendar is a special celebration known to the Hokkien people as "Phai Thien Kong 拜天宮" (praying the Heaven God). It is an especially important day to them as they believe it is the Jade Emperor (also known as Lord of the Heaven) who protected their Hokkien ancestors from a massacre by the ruthless army in ancient China.

During this period, the Hokkiens hid in a sugarcane plantation (from the 8th to the 9th day of the lunar calendar); a day which also coincides with the Jade Emperor's birthday. This explains why on the ninth day of the new year, the Hokkiens would offer prayers and offerings to the Jade Emperor. Due to its significance, this day is regarded as the actual New Year for the Hokkiens.



Place a little more emphasis on both by being respectful to your relatives as you definitely do not want to start off the year with some bad blood by saying the wrong things. Moderation should also be observed with all the constant feasting and drinking that so often occurs during the festivities, lest it takes a toll on your health. Do not overindulge.

Since this day is also favorable for prayers and worshipping and it might just be as well since the ninth day of the Lunar New Year happens to be traditionally observed as the birthday of the Jade Emperor.

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1.00pm - 3.00pm | SOUTHWEST

Planning to upgrade yourself? Use this hour to set yourself in motion to acquire new skills or education. It's a very auspicious hour with the 7 Star Six Harmony, The Heavenly Assistant Star and Bing Fire stem in the Southwest.

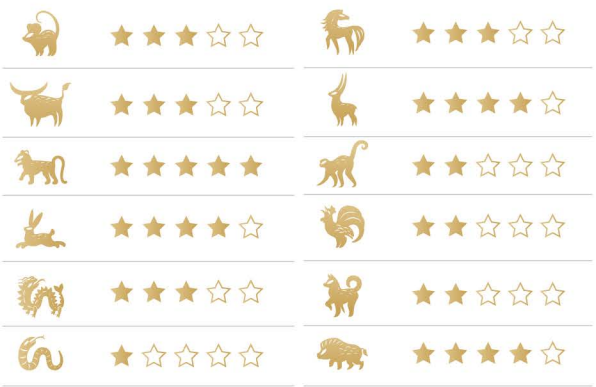


9.00pm - 11.00pm | SOUTHEAST

Here's another Wish Fulfilling hour. Backing the Southeast, you'll have access to a 6 Star Nine Heaven and the auspicious Green Dragon Return formation.



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This day is also known as the "Stone Day." It is forbidden to move any stone, (stone roller, stone mill, stone mortar, etc...) during this day. Some would even burn incense and light candles as respect to the stones. A quick fun fact: During ancient times, the tenth day is the day to celebrate the marriage of the mouse.

Legends from the south of the Yangtze River has it that the mouse is a harmful and unlucky animal, so people have to get the mouse married off to ensure a peaceful and lucky new year. On this day, families should not open any boxes or cabinets, and will go to bed early, in case that they may disturb the mice.



If you are looking to do a little festive gambling, it will be best to abstain on this day as you are likely to lose more than you win. Any major decisions should similarly be avoided or postponed, lest it leads to undesirable results.

The superstition of not moving any objects made of stone on this day for fear of offending the God of Stone on his birthday may be sound advice, as this day is unsupportive for matters relating to construction. It will be best to postpone any of such plans on this day.

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7.00am - 9.00am | WEST

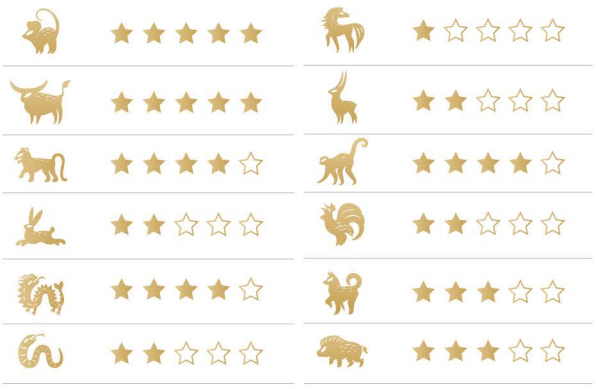
Throw a breakfast party, meet up with friends or organize a social gathering. The Rest Door and a 7 Star Harmony will be in the West.

5.00pm - 7.00pm | SOUTHEAST

Use the Southeast for prayers. You'll have access to a 7 Star Nine Heaven.



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The 11th day is usually for fathers-in-law to entertain their sons-in-law. Aside from family dinners and time with friends, these days are usually quiet as compared to the other days of the Chinese New Year.



Although this day may carry the risk of bodily harm and is large unsuitable for most personal and commercial activities, it does have some benefits – especially when it comes to construction of buildings and real estate trades.

If you happen to be considering either of these activities, you may proceed on this day although you may need to go about your day with a little more caution. You don't want to end up getting hurt chasing a quick buck just because you weren't being careful!

SPECIAL QIMEN HOURS

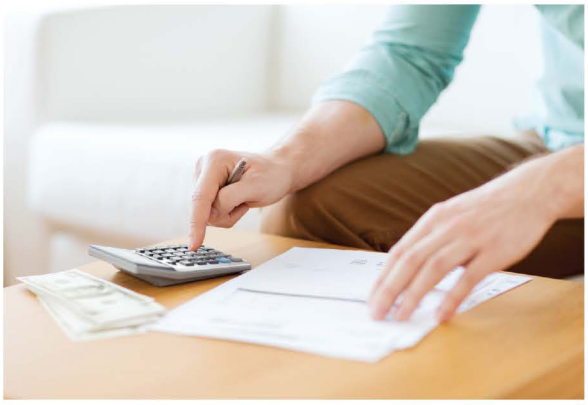
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11.00am - 1.00pm | SOUTHEAST

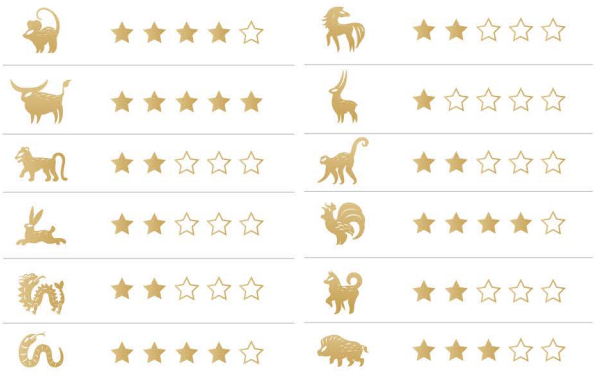
This is a very auspicious hour for negotiations and deal making. Back the Southeast at 11.00am and you'll sit with a 7 Star Nine Earth and Life Door.

5.00pm - 7.00pm | SOUTHWEST

Use this hour to focus on your wealth and financial planning activities.



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The twelfth day of the Chinese New Year is rather a quiet day. Preparation work for the Lantern Festival usually starts this day. Besides that, things are usually mellow and low profile other than the occasional family or friends visits and dinner.



Largely considered beneficial for family meetings, today would be a great time for family, whether related through marriage or by blood to get together to foster better ties. Just as it favors the building of family ties, it is also largely favorable for the construction of physical buildings which will proceed smoothly. Any travel by water however may require some prudence on this day.

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9.00am - 11.00am | EAST

With a 7 Star Harmony and Rest Door, it's the perfect time to attend or organize any networking events.



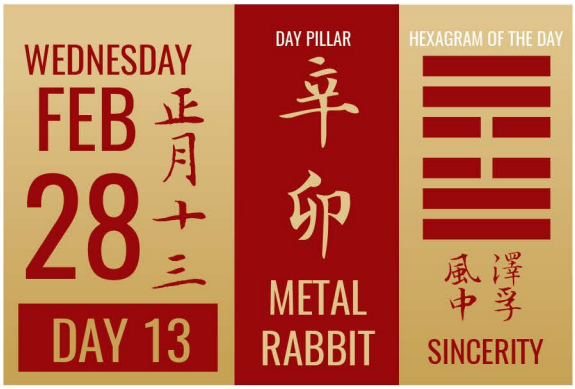
9.00pm - 11.00pm | SOUTHEAST

Got a campaign or product to launch? Use this hour to access a 6 Star Heavenly Hero coupled with the Open Door and Ding Fire stem.

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Rat	★★☆☆☆	Horse	★★★★☆
Ox	★★☆☆☆	Goat	★★★☆☆
Tiger	★★★★★	Monkey	★☆☆☆☆
Rabbit	★★★☆☆	Rooster	★★★☆☆
Dragon	★★★☆☆	Dog	★★★★☆
Snake	★★★☆☆	Pig	★★★★☆

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After 13 days of feasting and celebration, many people would usually convert to vegetarianism on the thirteenth day, dedicated to Guan Yu, the god of war.



Those who are in intellectual professions and businesses will largely find this day favorable. These people will largely find success in both academic and professional endeavors if they utilise this day to their advantage. According to Chinese New Year superstition, the thirteenth day of the Lunar New Year is said to be unsuitable for major ceremonies. However, this day is considered a favorable time for weddings. It has been said that those who tie the knot today will likely secure the academic future of their offspring.

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5.00am - 7.00am | WEST

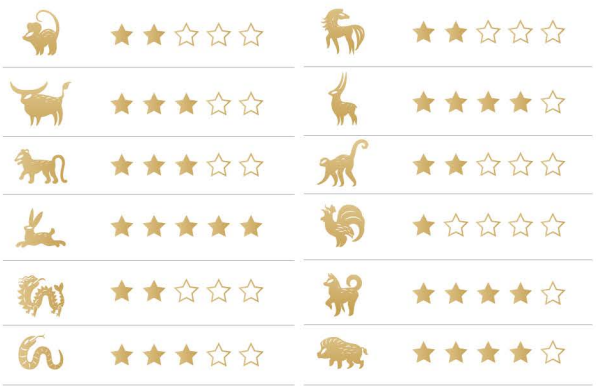
Here's another hour you can use for a launch, this time since it's in the early morning it might have to be an online related kind of launch. You'll have the 6 Star Nine Heaven plus the Heavenly Hero star and the Life Door for good business returns.

3.00pm - 5.00pm | NORTH

A very auspicious hour for making deals and offers because the 7 Star Chief sits in the North with the Green Dragon Return formation.



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This day is reserved to prepare for the Lantern Festival of the next day - the final Chinese New Year blowout. On this day, some places open lantern fairs and lion and dragon dances will also perform their final practice. Families too will start preparing lanterns, "Tang Yuan" (rice glue balls) and candles for the use of the next day.



Largely considered an unfavourable day for any personal or professional endeavours, it will be best to put off starting any new projects on this day and also to avoid hosting any major ceremonies on this day. It will be to one's advantage to not touch on any sensitive issues be it at work or at home lest it blows out of proportion. Any legal matters scheduled on this day should be postponed lest it should conclude with unfavorable results.



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9.00am – 11.00am | SOUTH

A very good hour for traveling. The Yi Wood stem together with the Life Door and a 7 Star Nine Heaven denotes abundance, positivity and very good returns.



1.00pm - 3.00pm | SOUTH

When you see a Harm Door with a 7 Star Chief, there will be no Debt that you cannot collect or at the very least, come to new agreeable terms.

DAILY ENERGY

Monkey	★★★★☆	Goat	★★☆☆☆
Ox	★★☆☆☆	Deer	★★☆☆☆
Tiger	★★★☆☆	Monkey	★★★★☆
Rabbit	★★☆☆☆	Rooster	★★★★★
Dragon	★★★★☆	Dog	★☆☆☆☆
Snake	★★☆☆☆	Pig	★★★☆☆

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The big day of the Lantern Festival. Festivities reach its peak on this day. There will usually be colorful performances, Dragon and Lion dances paraded on crowded streets. In the evening people reunite for another joyous reunion dinner. This day is also considered by many to be the Chinese equivalent of Valentine's Day.

Important note: This day is not to be confused with the Mid-Autumn Festival, which sometimes is also referred to as the Lantern Festival.



The fifteenth day of the Lunar Year marks the end of the Chinese New Year festivities and this day is seen to be auspicious. It brings good harvest, friendship, pleasures and most importantly wealth! At the final day of the Chinese New Year celebrations, this is seen as a good opportunity to get together with friends and family once more to have some fun or just renew ties.

Of course, a few rounds at the gambling table on this day probably wouldn't hurt! Remember raise a toast or two to your elders to wish them a long and happy life. You may find your wishes to bear fruit in the long run.

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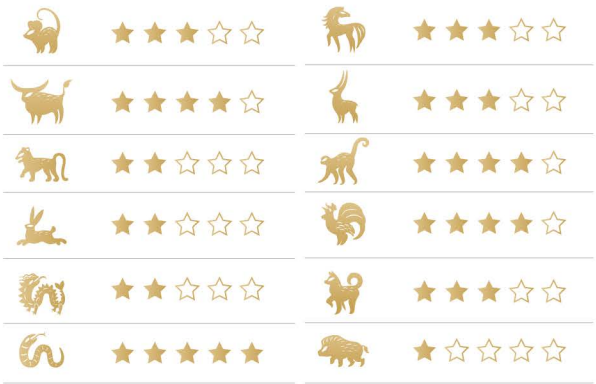
Get your family together and head out towards the South for a short getaway. It's the perfect hour with a 7 Star Nine Heaven and Rest Door.

7.00pm - 9.00pm | WEST

This is a very auspicious hour to engage in investment activities. Back the West to gain access to a 7 Star Chief. You'll also have access to the Heavenly Ambassador and Life Door.



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YOUR 2018 FENG SHUI GUIDE

Feng Shui is rooted in ancient China but has now become widely practiced outside of it especially in modern times. While many would argue that it has more than 4000 years of history, the modern systems that we know today as Classical Feng Shui only began to germinate during the Han Dynasty about a thousand years ago.

We're not referring to NEW AGE Feng Shui that generally involves some man-made objects, the art of decoration or interior design, nor colours or numbers.

Classical Feng Shui is all about Man and the Energy from the living environment. It is the study of these energies, known as Qi and how it can be used to benefit the people who dwell in it.



It has a very long history. It's gone through so much development and peaks throughout the history of Ancient China and at the height of its practice, have been used to construct not only palaces and entire kingdoms, but also dynasties that last throughout generations.

We don't have to study every piece of detail in the entire history of Feng Shui in order to use it. It can be overwhelming and very confusing especially when you don't share the same cultural background and common knowledge which are prerequisites (Ying and Yang, Five Elements).

But like in any modern study, we need to ask questions and apply a lot of common sense and logic.

Just because it has a lot of history (or so says someone who's called themselves a master) doesn't mean it's correct. Feng Shui has garnered a lot of bad press in the pass and many (especially those who choose convenience over logic) have made it seem like a 'get-rich-quick' scheme. Superstition, old wives' tales and in some cases, religious practices have become red flags for modern society to accept or even try to understand the subject.

Feng Shui (Chinese, from Feng 風 'wind' and Shui 水 'water.') is a Chinese Metaphysics system used to study and benefit from the natural energies (Qi 氣) of the living world around us. It is deeply rooted in the culture of the Chinese and Asian countries and forms a historic pillar since the time of the First Emperor in Imperial China.



Feng Shui was originally known as "Kan Yu" (the art of observation of the forces between Heaven and Earth), is part of Chinese Five Arts. The term 'Feng Shui' was used only officially towards the end of the Qing Dynasty. Historic documents indicate that the subject with its 2000 year history has over time has been subject to significant development, refinement and further expansion into what modern practitioners now know as Classical Feng Shui.

Feng Shui is classified under physiognomy of the living environment. It is a system of formulas and calculations that enable the practitioners to assess the potential and outcome of a person, or in this case, the outcome of a person living in a certain property.

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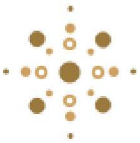
THE INVISIBLE FORCES

AND THE FOUR MAIN FACTORS

In Feng Shui, we study and use the Invisible Forces that govern and affect us collectively. The principles of natural energies known as Qi, these invisible forces are what bind the universe and all things living together including the Earth that we live in.

Generally, Qi can be classified as Positive Qi (Sheng Qi) or Negative Qi (Sha Qi) and there are four main factors in Feng Shui that form the core of influence. The nature of Qi is cyclical and as such, can be calculated. At different times, different types of Qi will take its affects on the environment.

If you know the types of Qi that will affect the environment in certain months of the year, one can prepare for the best or worst of the situation. Making informed decisions are in fact, part of both Chinese Feng Shui and Chinese Astrology.



ENVIRONMENT

The type and elements of the water formations, landforms, contours of the land, mountains that are the source which govern, circulate or collect the Qi in the environment.



BUILDING

The living or working space is the man made structure itself that will contain, capture and most important of all, to circulate the Qi.



TIME

Over time, the movement of the stars and alignments of our body, the Earth and the Sun have diverse affects on the Feng Shui of a location.



PEOPLE

One man's meat is another man's poison. Different people will benefit or have disadvantages in different environments, building and time.

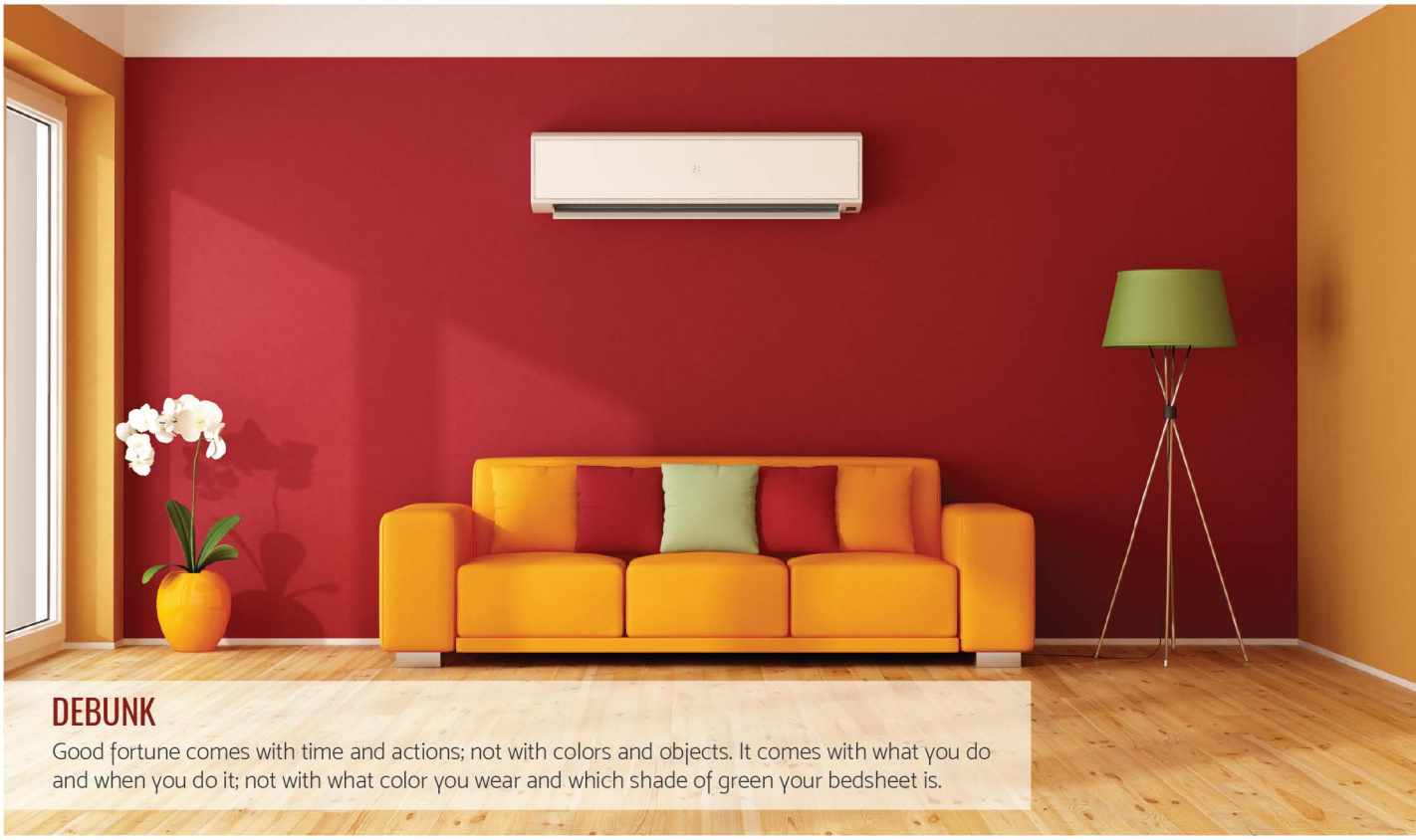
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THE 5 MYTHS OF FENG SHUI IN 2018

While it's impossible to describe and explain all the knowledge accumulated through the centuries in any single publication, we can summarize what Feng Shui IS NOT. We've compiled and picked 5 of the biggest myths based on the thousands of questions we've received in 2017.

MYTH 1: LUCKY COLORS

The use certain colors in particular areas of your house to 'increase luck'? Or wear a lucky color so you make more money than the previous year. Of if you lack the Water Element you should wear Blue.



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Good fortune comes with time and actions; not with colors and objects. It comes with what you do and when you do it; not with what color you wear and which shade of green your bedsheet is.

> *According to this belief, the color red is very auspicious therefore, if your front door is red, it is said to give you luck for many years to come. You have more money; your relationships bloom and prosperous life. In that case, shouldn't the football club Manchester United be winning every game they play because, you know, red?*

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MYTH 2:
FORTUNE CATS & SHINY ROCKS

Not earning enough? Place the red and gold cat statue. Want more properties? No issues, leave the crystals in a bowl by your bed! Having relationship problems? The painting of 9 Golden Fish swimming inward will surely help! We believe you are familiar with this one. The ceramic frog with coins in its mouth, the cat with waving paws, crystal trinkets, Fu Dogs statues, purple pillows.



DEBUNK

Qi is derived from natural forms; not from man-made objects. Charms, objects and products that were mentioned are mostly 'manufactured' by enterprising individuals. On their own, it is highly unlikely to produce any Qi. They do serve as some very nice decoration in certain occasions and some even swear the psychological affect it has changes the outcome of their endeavours.

> *Landforms, timing, direction, architecture, design and property details are the ingredients of a holistic approach of an authentic Feng Shui reading. Having trinkets around the house are more of psychological effects as they are mere symbol of you feeling good that something is helping you.*

MYTH 3:
DEAD FISH IN AN AQUARIUM IS AN AVERSION OF MISFORTUNE

You would have heard this misconception. The idea that the fish in the aquarium died a heroic death to save the unassuming owner from bad luck.



DEBUNK

The idea that when the fishes die, it took away the owner's bad fortune is baseless. Feng Shui does NOT in any way sacrifice animals or any other living things. What we actually need in order to calculate and avoid bad times are directions, your birth details, locations and your property. Certainly, not fishes and perhaps you should get your aquarium filters checked.

> *Classical Feng Shui dictates that activation of Qi in a property can be achieved by the placement of flowing or moving water in a said area. But it would be obviously weird, especially in the eyes of visitors, to have a pail of water sitting in the middle of a house for an example. Therefore, to make it visually satisfying, an aquarium complete with fishes, is placed in the area. After all, who wouldn't love to watch colourful fishes swimming in an aquarium?*

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MYTH 4:
THE ART OF DECLUTTERING

Clearing your space will bring in good Qi into the property; and eventually fortune. Many believe good Feng Shui is about simply cleaning your mess. Those who practice 'clutter clearing' Feng Shui would tell you that you cannot be a rich or successful person because your workspace is cluttered until you clean up your space.



DEBUNK

Good Feng Shui means good Qi flow. Qi comes from natural forms. So, are your cabinets and TV racks natural forms? While it is true to certain extent that rearranging your work desk or your book shelf makes you feel accomplished and thus brings good sense of motivation and an aura of positivity, but that is not all there is to the authentic Feng Shui.

Warren Buffett's office is cluttered. Yet, he is worth US $66.4 billion as of 2016. There goes the myth. Right into the drain. So 'clutter-free Feng Shui' basically says that all you have to do is spring-clean the space and viola, you are in luck and will practically be showered in wealth for the rest of your life!

MYTH 5:
USING IMAGES OF WATER

Some people hang paintings and images of water (waterfalls, rivers, water drops etc.) on the wall. They believe that this would suffice to bring in proper flow of Qi and provide them with wealth and luck.



DEBUNK

As water facilitates the flow of Qi, real water must be present. When water is used in Feng Shui formations, it's because H_2O in its natural form is in a constant state of movement. In a favorable place, the flowing factor helps gather Qi and gives the desired effect to the property and the residents in it.

Pictures are purely aesthetic and serves no purpose whatsoever in the context of Feng Shui. If it does, then why don't we all hang a picture of the American Dollar notes in our house so we get blessed with lots of money?

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JOEY YAP'S ANNUAL FLYING STARS FOR 2018

PERSONALISING YOUR FENG SHUI

SouthEast 東南

Annual Star: 8 White 八白

Wealth & Finance

Southeast is the main Wealth sector this year. Having your main door located in this sector will help usher in positive energies. If the main door is not found in this sector, you can still harness its benefits by activating it with water features (like an aquarium) or Yang-natured objects such as clocks, and television.

Look to using the sector more by making it as a family or activity room.

South 南

Annual Star: 4 Green 四綠

Romance, scholarly and pursuits

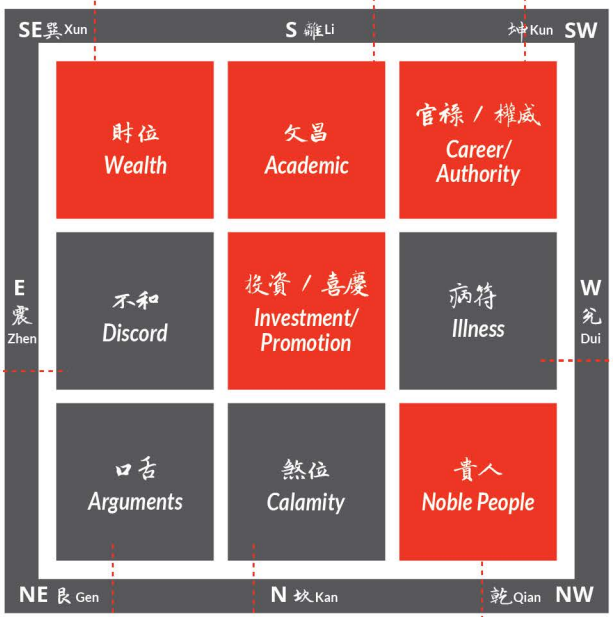
Those who are studying, or are working in academic related fields may seek to utilize the South sector as the Four Green is conductive for endeavors associated with academic and intellectual pursuits. If your main door is found in this sector, travelling could have positive outcomes this year and your relationships will flourish.

SouthWest 西南

Annual Star: 6 White 六白

Authority, power and good name

This star is especially encouraging if you are looking to seek career opportunities. Use the Southwest sector to help you gain recognition especially in your workplace. If the main door of your office is located in this sector, use it frequently to elevate your status and enhance your influence professionally.



East 東

Annual Star: 7 Red 七赤

Rivalry, robbery and loss of wealth

If you find that your bedroom is located in the East sector, it will be best to relocate this year. For married couples, do avoid having the marital bed placed in this sector if you wish to avoid arguments.

The Seven Red star is known to affect one's emotional and physical well-being. Houses with the main door in this sector will experience higher risk of being burgled too.

West 西

Annual Star: 2 Black 二黑

Sickness and stress

The Two Black is among one of the inauspicious stars which needs to be avoided as it is known for provoking health problems.

In order to lessen its negative effects, look to placing metal objects made of brass, copper, iron or bronze in this sector.

NorthEast 東北

Annual Star: 3 Jade 三碧

Arguments and gossips

This star is particularly known to cause arguments, conflict and disagreements. Avoid conflicts by avoiding the Northeast sector – minimizing activities in that area.

At worst, it can also result in legal entanglements and lawsuits. To lighten or reduce the effects, place an oil or red lamp in this sector.

North 北

Annual Star: 5 Yellow 五黃

Danger, problems, setbacks and calamities

The Five Yellow is the most inauspicious sector to be aware of. If triggered, you may experience an endless parade of bad fortunes, mishaps and accidents.

Leave this sector as quiet as possible to avoid activating its negative effects. To mitigate its effects, place objects made of metals (iron, brass, copper or even pewter) in this sector.

NorthWest 西北

Annual Star: 1 White 一白

Good for reputation, recognition and advancement

Those who utilize Northwest sector this year can experience positive outcomes for career advancements. Opportunities for wealth accumulation will be enhanced too.

Additionally, the usage of this sector will promote relationships and social skills. As such, those seeking to get married may benefit from this too.

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BASIC STEPS TO APPLYING FENG SHUI TO YOUR HOME.

1 Get your floorplans.



2 Divide your house (the plan) into 9 grids as per below.



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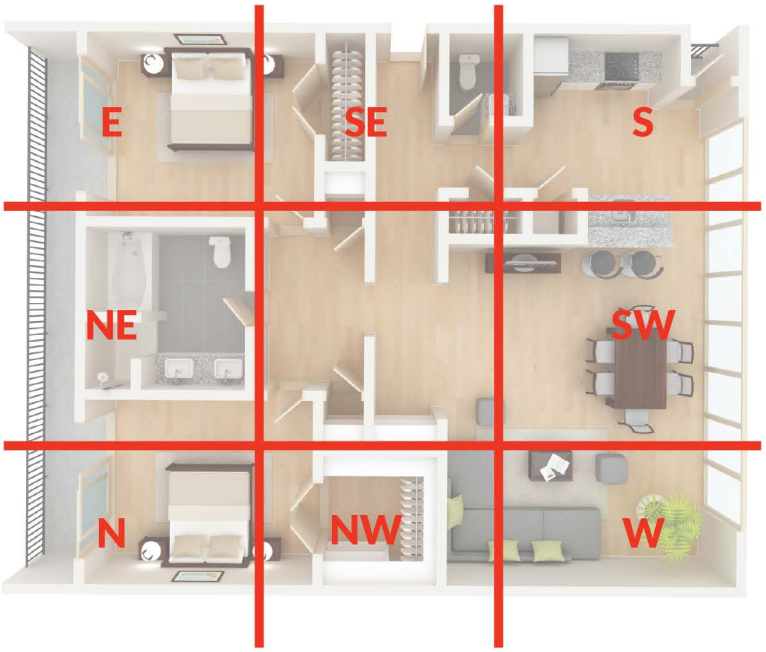
Stand in the center point of your house and establish the North direction using a compass (you may use a compass app from your phone too).

Then, mark out the North and identify all other directions according to the compass as well.

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Refer & Compare to the Annual Flying Stars in 2018 Chart



不和 Discord	財位 Wealth	文昌 Academic
口舌 Arguments	投資 / 喜慶 Investment/ Promotion	官祿 / 權威 Career/ Authority
煞位 Calamity	貴人 Noble People	病符 Illness

Using this simple nine grids, you will be able to identify the favorable and unfavorable sectors of your home (as shown in the diagram above) and make more or less use of the corresponding rooms.

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5 IMPORTANT AREAS IN YOUR HOME

ALIGNING FENG SHUI ENERGIES

1 MAIN DOOR

Primary entrance of a property. It is important to identify and analyze the internal and external forms from both sides of the door as this could show you that the main door is either favorable or otherwise. There should be an open spacious area just outside your door to accumulate Qi.



2 BALCONY

For apartments, the balcony is considered to be the secondary Qi Mouth for and is best located facing a favorable direction or landform. The facing direction of a balcony is measured by standing at the balcony facing outwards. You should never place spiky plants here as they prevent good energy from flowing into your home. Plants with vibrant colors are always encouraged instead.



3 KITCHEN

Important about your kitchen: the location of the stove and the sink.

The stove represents Fire and sink represents Water; placing the sink and stove side by side would be "Fire and Water Clash." Avoid this by not placing them opposite or adjacent to each other; or by placing an obstruction between them both.

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4 BEDROOM

Your bed should not be aligned to the door, or underneath a decorative beam. As this brings in Sha Qi, or the Killing Qi and will disrupt the occupant's rest or health. Place your bed against a hard surface (wall) would allow a perfect balance between Ying and Yang in the space instead. Also, avoid many windows or doors in your bedrooms.



5 STUDY ROOM

Study rooms should be located in suitable sectors based on the formulas in Flying Stars and according to what is suitable to the property as dictated by environmental conditions.

The study desk is the focal point and its direction is measured by where one faces when seated at the desk – should sit facing his/her auspicious direction.

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STEP 4

AVOIDING SETBACKS & NEGATE PROBLEMS

AVOIDING RENOVATION

THE 3 THINGS TO AVOID IN 2018

AVOID RENOVATION

If your house is **facing South, Southeast 1**, and **Northwest 1**, it'll be best to shelf renovation plans for your house in the Earth Dog year (4th February 2018 until 3rd February 2019).



It is not an ideal time for renovations to be done to houses with these three facings as it will trigger negative energy and affect tenants of the home.

SE1
(112.6° - 127.5°)



NW1
(292.6° - 307.5°)



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(157.6° - 202.5°)



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These sectors should be avoided at all cost.

Year Breaker (歲破)

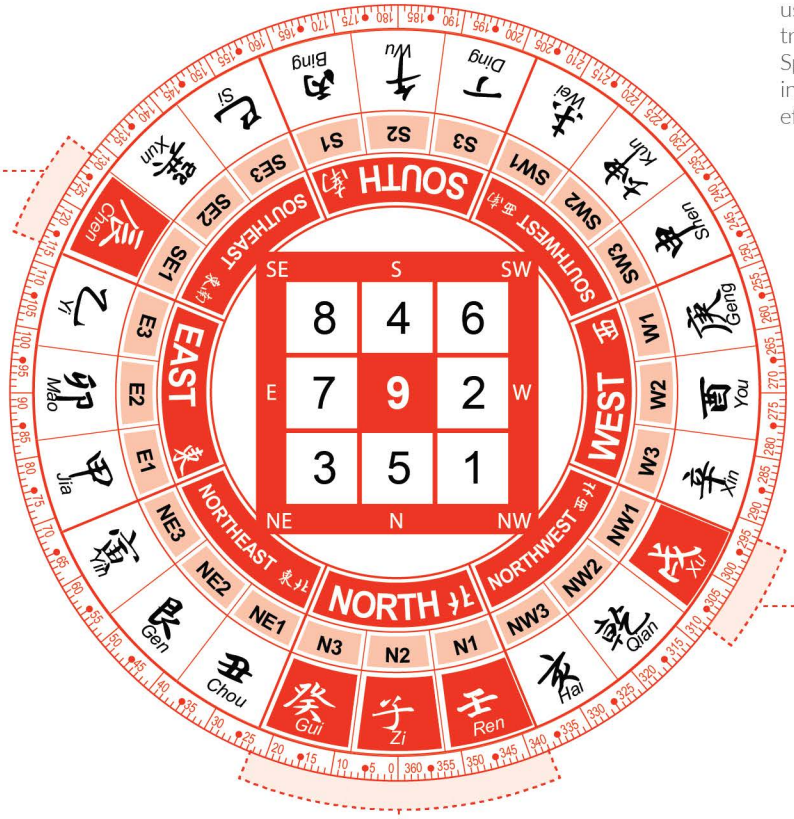
SouthEast 1 (112.6° - 127.5°)

The Year Breaker occupies the sector directly opposite the Grand Duke (Northwest 1). Try your best to keep this sector quiet. Minimize all activities here to avoid activating the negative effects the Year Breaker bring. Pay attention to which room in your house this sector falls in and avoid it for the time being. Avoid renovating or even minor activities like shifting the furniture around. If Year Breaker is triggered, it may lead to serious issues.

Grand Duke (太歲)

NorthWest 1 (292.6° - 307.5°)

Grand Duke makes its home in the Northwest sector this year. Be mindful using this sector as it bring unpleasant effects – causing incidents like accidents and misfortunes. Just stay away from this sector. If you usually use this place as a living room, try reducing your time spent there. Spending long hours facing or working in this sector will evoke the negative effects the Grand Duke brings.



Three Killings (三煞)

North (337.6° - 22.5°)

Three Killings resides in the North Sector this year. Its unfavorable effects include seemingly endless problems and on a more serious note, it could include serious health complications, loss of wealth, accidents, as well as robbery and theft. To keep yourself safe from the Three Killing's effects, avoid any activities which involves breakage or tearing down of walls and grounds.

Five Yellow (五黃)

North (337.6° - 22.5°)

The Five Yellow is the one you should be the most wary of as it is the most dangerous among the negative stars. Go out of your way and make the extra effort to keep this sector as quiet as possible this year. DO NOT perform any renovation or conduct any sort of activities at all here. Something as minor as drilling could also trigger the Five Yellow's effect. Continuous usage of the affected sector could even result in life threatening situations; aside from other issues and problems affecting your daily life. If this sector is occupied by a bedroom or a study room, just relocate for the time being.

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STEP 5

FREE RESOURCES

BABIES BORN IN THE EARTH DOG

THE 5 ELEMENTS CYCLES

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR BABIES BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE EARTH DOG?

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2018 is the Year of the Dog!

In Chinese astrology, there are 12 zodiac years in one zodiac cycle, each year associated with an animal (mouse, cow, tiger, rabbit, etc...). The Dog takes the 11th position in the Chinese zodiac, and this corresponds to the years: 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018. (Basically in 12 year cycles).

On top of this, the zodiac years are not just associated with animal signs, but also one of the five elements: Gold (Metal), Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth. The coming 2018 corresponds with the Earth element, therefore 2018 is the Year of the Earth Dog.

For those who are expecting a baby in 2018, firstly, congratulations! We wish you every joy in this precious addition to the family. In anticipation of this blessing, here's a couple of things you can expect for babies born in the Year of the Earth Dog.

Those who are born under this year are generally optimistic and friendly with dynamic emotions, wonderful imagination and ability to stand out in the crowd. They often like to exhibit a tough, edgy exterior. Despite the steely facade, they are often very sensitive people underneath who are easily affected by criticism. Although suited for tough jobs such as the military, they have a surprisingly creative streak and have a love for beauty, art and music.

Earth Dog individuals get bored easily and tend to like to be constantly on the move to feel inspired. They are strong-willed and determined, but yet they can be practical when the situation calls for it. Their intelligence gives them an edge in terms of assessing situations and people. However, this can also often make them prone to disappointment and frustration when something fails to meet their expectations. They possess extremely strong desires on a profound level, which can be channelled into selfless acts to benefit others.



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STRENGTHS

Overall, babies who are born in the year of the Earth Dog are social individuals who are great friends, lovers, and team players. They are understanding, honorable, passionate, intelligent and attractive. They are also very ambitious and innately creative.

They are also magnetic characters that people often look up to, as they are upright, outspoken, brave, ambitious, hardworking, and active. Once they've identified their goals, they will be determined to success no matter how harsh the situation.

WEAKNESSES

While stubbornness is mainly what drives Dog signs to success, the other side of the coin to this is that this stubbornness means that Dog signs are often reluctant to change, and resistant to criticism. This is especially prominent when Dog Signs are put in places of authority.

Dog signs hate to be oppressed and insist on having their own way, when the harsh truth is that sometimes respect has to be earned by taking in constructive criticism from those around them. Adjusting their attitude towards others' opinions may very well be very enriching for Dog signs, and propel them towards better heights.

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Some famous people who were born in the Year of the Earth Dog include US actress Anne Hathaway, British royal couple Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton, pop singer Kelly Clarkson, football player Kaka, British model Naomi Campbell and actor Matt Damon. So, what do you think? Now that you know what characteristics to expect, let's hope you're a little more prepared to guide your little one on an exciting yet challenging journey of life!

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AUSPICIOUS DATES TO RECOMMENCE WORK AFTER CNY

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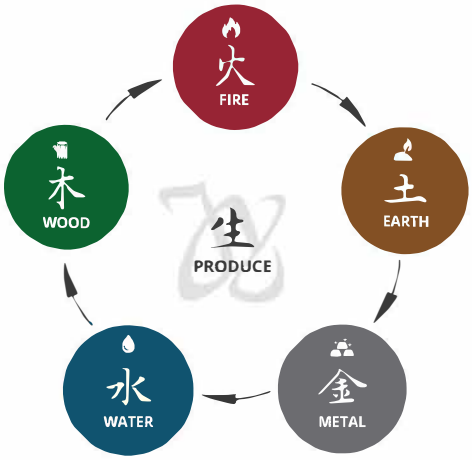
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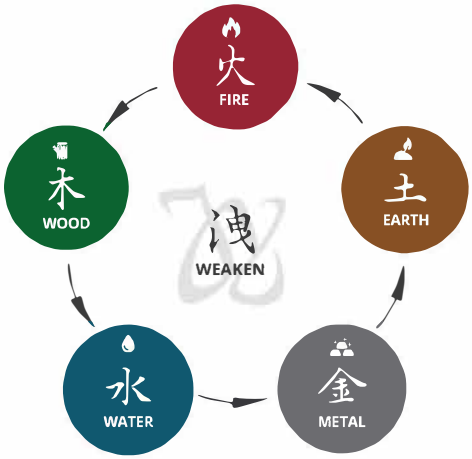
The 5 Elements Producing Cycle



The producing cycle refers to the phase where the 5 elements supports and strengthen each other. You can see that this cycle is in harmony and in constant motion.

Imagine it this way:
Water nourishes plant, hence Water produces Wood.
We need Wood to start Fire, so Wood produces Fire.
Fire reduces Wood to aches, these ashes return to the Earth - hence Fire produces Earth.
Metal are found from the Earth, so Earth produces Metal.
And then, we use Metal to attract Water via condensation.

The 5 Elements Weakening Cycle



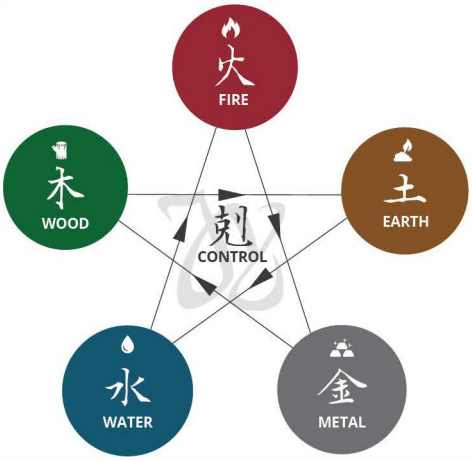
In the Weakening Cycle, any Element that produces another Element is weakened by the Elements is produces.

So, in this sense, Earth produces Metal and is therefore weakened by Metal. Water corrodes Metal, so Water weakens Metal.

Plants need Water to survive, so Wood weakens Water. In turn, Fire burns Wood and reduces it to ashes, so Fire weakens Wood.

Once Fire has completely reduced Wood to ashes, it will be naturally extinguised by Earth. Hence, Earth weakens Fire.

The 5 Elements Countering Cycle



In the concept of Yin and Yang, we want balance. This is when Counter comes in. Counter is not necessarily bad, it's merely a check and balance measure to ensure the Elements are in harmony with each other.

We need Water to control or extinguish Fire. So Water controls Fire.
Fire in turn is required to melt and mold Metal - Fire makes Metal more malleable. Fire controls Metal.
Now, we need an axe or blade to cut Wood into smaller pieces. Blades or axes are made of Metal. so Metal controls Woods.
How do you prevent landslide or soil erosion? You need trees/plants to do the trick. So, Wood controls Earth.
Now, no matter how large a body of water such as the lake or ocean, it is still bordered by the land. So, Earth controls Water.

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