

## Welcome in the Year of the Yin Metal Rabbit.

**Gong xi fa cai** (Happy New Year) as we prepare to welcome in the year of the **Yin Metal Rabbit**. The Chinese have traditionally observed two calendars, both the Solar and the Lunar. The Chinese solar calendar is usually referred to as the farmer's calendar and is unique amongst the world's time keeping systems in that it ascribes one of the five elements to any given moment in time, specified into: year, month, day and hour. It attributes dual elements each to Heaven and to Earth. *There being five elements and twelve animal signs it thus takes 60 years for the entire cycle to repeat itself.* These paired dynamics are deemed to impinge on Man. (Chinese cosmology is based on the precept of Heaven above, Earth beneath, Man in between, from where the three lines of the Yi Jing's trigrams are drawn.) So, when working out the effects upon humanity, it takes into consideration both a Heavenly (cosmic) and Earthly (temporal) influence and thus forms not only the basis of the Chinese system of time keeping but also their method of destiny analysis known as Ba Tsu or Eight Characters. This system is also known as the Four Pillars – each Pillar being made up of the paired characters of Heaven on top and Earth beneath, one each for the year, the month, the day and the hour of birth; four columns – eight characters.

The feng shui year, is based on this solar calendar and therefore, always begins 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and this year, just happens to coincide with the more popular Chinese Lunar New Year which starts Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Therefore, the year of the **Yin Metal Rabbit** begins on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2011. Ideally, one has the annual remedies in place for that date. See reverse side for Annual Audit Reminder.

**2011** has the character of yin metal sitting on top of the **Rabbit**; yin metal is worked metal and is associated with beauty and femininity and so relates to physical beauty in humans but one should always remember that this is only ever superficial and must be tempered as it is also the hardness found in jewellery and small weaponry, such as in a dagger. Yin metal women in particular, are often considered to be great beauties and are usually very feminine, but they have a hidden harshness that can make both males and females ruthless.

Metal is also linked to the breathing organs and skin, so we can expect issues with these, often caused by pollution through the coming year.

The **Rabbit**, which is yin (small) wood relates to the environment, the neck and spine. Thus Yin Metal on top of the **Rabbit** gives us the image of superficial harmony and agreement (beauty) but with the hidden menace of a dagger in the neck or back and trouble for the environment. As such we can expect there to be greater apparent or superficial harmony in international affairs but with a heightened likelihood of back stabbings, assassinations and terrorist attacks.

There is also an increased chance for environmental disasters. In 2010 the **BP** fiasco in the Gulf of Mexico which caused such vast damage to the surrounding environment is said to be an example of metal attacking wood. 2010 was Yang Metal sitting on top of the Tiger. (Tiger is Yang Wood)

If we look to the past for an indication of what might lie in store for 2011, we find that 60 years ago, in the politics of that year, 1951, although the New York head quarters of the United Nations was opened and New Zealand signed the ANZUS treaty, neither have ever produced anything but superficial results. Indeed it can be argued pretty successfully today, that the UN is little but a farce and the obligations New Zealand and Australia undertook with the ANZUS pact, produced little in the way of tangible benefits and drew us inexorably and disastrously into the insanity of the Vietnam War era. More overtly, in 1951, the Korean War was at its peak. There were four assassinations that year: the Shah of Iran, the King of Jordan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Britain's High Commissioner to Malaya.

Environmentally, the United States of America let off 10 nuclear bomb tests (and we wonder today about man made climate changes?). That Northern winter was known as the *winter of terror*, and there were a considerable number of natural disasters from avalanches to typhoons/hurricanes elsewhere. A blue sun appeared over Europe for several days caused by ash from Canadian forest fires.

On a more practical level, the **Rabbit** forms a clash with the **Rooster**, and so those people born in the years of the **Rooster**: 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993 are recommended to wear the pendant of a **Dog** for the year. This clash is serious and means an increased likelihood of accidents and injuries

concerning the neck and spine in particular with metal objects, so people born in the year of the **Rooster** should take extra care around activities involving metal objects, knives and machinery etc., especially motor vehicles. For these people it's likely to be a year of upheaval and change, so travel and change are not only possible but likely. The caution however, is to **not** travel towards the direction of the **East** as that is not only the direction of the Five Yellows but also of Tai Sui for the year.

Also, those born in the year of the **Rat** are said to form a penalty with the **Rabbit**. Penalty too has the potential to be serious and indicates hidden danger, disharmony, anxiety and irritations, as well as masked illnesses for the duration of the year of the **Rabbit**. Therefore, those people born in **Rat** years should also wear the pendant of a **Dog** for the year. (Rat years were: 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984 and 1996.

Those born on **Rat** days also form a penalty with the **Rabbit** this year and so are advised to wear a pendant of a **Dog** as well. Determining if you were born on a **Rat** day however, is more difficult and requires an individual check. If you are concerned that you might have been born on a **Rat** day and want to check, please feel free to e-mail me with your full date of birth and I will let you know. This service is free provided you e-mail prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. *Due to my travel commitments for the year, this service will not be available after this date.*

However, please keep in mind this will not constitute a full Destiny Analysis and so will only be partially insightful. If you wish to have a full Destiny Analysis drawn-up, a separate appointment is required. (Price nz\$200)

**For pendants please call Abby on: 09-302-2751**

As the **Rabbit** is a Peach Blossom or Flower of Romance star, and with the Annual star 7 in the centre of the Flying Star Chart for the year, we can expect a year of sex scandals and great gossip regarding such things for 2011.

Remember, the feng shui year starts Feb 4<sup>th</sup> each year and finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

#### **TIME AGAIN FOR ANNUAL CHECKS:**

Yes folks, it's time again for annual Feng Shui checks. Although I stress this for you all always, it is particularly valid in these times of economic uncertainty and recession. Having your feng shui checked can be a really good way to kick start the year and ensure that everything that can be is maximised in your favour. Make sure you book early though, as I will be away a lot this year; with commitments in the South Island early March, travel

in Europe and Suriname for approximately 5 to 6 weeks during May/June and then for a month in China and Korea in September. Due to this heavy schedule I suggest that if you know you have feng shui work you want done this year, discuss your needs with me early so we can coordinate it all in a timely and cohesive way for you.

#### **Face Reading Tip:**

It is said that those born with a deep horizontal line like a groove across their earlobes are at increased risk of developing heart problems later in life. Taking care of diet and having a regular exercise regime is one way of helping to ameliorate this. According to the rules of Chinese Face Reading rules, genetic physical ailments can be seen in the lines on the face and the palm.

#### **QUOTE:**

*"We often forgive those who bore us, but we cannot forgive those whom we bore." Francois de la Rochefoucauld*

### **NEW - NEW - NEW - NEW – NEW TRADITIONAL PALMISTRY CLASSES**

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This is a certificated course which gives students a solid understanding of traditional palmistry. After the eight weeks course students will be able to give a basic palm reading with confidence.

Class times: from 1:30pm - 3pm Tuesdays. (A Tuesday evening class may also be offered, depending on numbers.) Price: \$350 per person – Course materials inclusive.

Please call Danny for details but early registration is recommended as class sizes will be strictly limited.

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