

Gong Xi Fa Cai: Welcoming the Year of the Yin Wood Goat



My Annual Talk will be held on Thursday 12th February. This year, there will be two sessions. The first at 6:30pm in which I will look at the basic sciences that underlie classical Chinese feng shui. Designed especially for those new to classical Chinese feng shui or indeed anyone who wants to understand a little more of the basics. New clients and those interested in feng shui are encouraged to attend this early session especially, as well as the main sitting. The main event will then begin at 7:30 pm and will be a review of 2014 and forecasts of what can be expected for 2015. This, will have a specific perspective for New Zealanders. Among many fascinating insights that will be presented will be a look at Malaysian Airlines fortunes in 2014 and what the Four Pillars reveal of the Air Asia Crash. There will be a refreshments break at half time. As numbers are strictly limited, the event is by invitation only. If you would like an invitation, please contact me by e-mail at: fsc@fengshui88.co.nz or by phone: 021-1993-888 or (09) 6257-888

Happy New Year, dear readers, and welcome to the incoming Year of the Yin Wood Goat. Whilst at the conclusion of each year, it is natural for us to look back on the events of the closing year and contemplate how we personally have done, we usually also can't help but look forward, hopefully with anticipation, to the year about to commence, and wonder just how we will do individually in the coming months. Many of course like to make New Year Resolutions. Personally, I like to set my travel

plans for the coming year instead. As you all know, I love travelling and have been lucky enough to venture far and wide so far. This year will be no different, with trips to Thailand, Cambodia, China, the USA, and of course, my beloved Suriname. This will be my 8th trip I think, to South America, and I fall that little bit more in love with it every time. I have often heard it referred to as the *Happy Continent*; all due to the music, the food, the dancing, the incredible wildlife and of course, its vibrant and enchanting people.

Looking ahead however it looks like 2015, may see a little more accord amongst the Earth's human inhabitants, but since the relationship between the wood of the year and the earth of the Goat is in an antagonistic one, the likelihood for on-going international strife and friction will continue I'm afraid. From a feng shui perspective, and with the Flying Star at the centre for the year being Annual Star 3, the year promises to be one fraught with aggression for and by younger males, especially between the ages of 15 and 35 (approx and referred to usually as the Eldest Son in feng shui terms). On the one hand we can expect more action from Isis, Al Qaida, Boko-haram etc, but also more action against them. However, since the wood of the year is yin, it indicates that such discord is also more likely to be more easily resolved and accommodations reached. Such strife we might hope to see concluding in treaties and agreements. 1955, the last yin wood Goat year, saw at least two major treaty organisations formed: The Warsaw Pact and ASEAN, while West Germany joined Nato. Whether such accords will be kept, is another matter entirely. It is to be hoped that cooler, more rational heads and hearts will govern affairs in the coming year.

Since the Goat forms a string that locks it into an embrace of triple earth penalty with the Dog and the Ox, it indicates that we can expect strong things happening with the earth in the year of the Goat. Such events usually manifest as major events in hot dry earth areas especially deserts. The two Gulf Wars: Kuwait 1991, and Iraq 2003, saw very fierce fighting in the heat of the desert, and were both started in Goat years. Such locations should be avoided by those born under the sign of the Goat, the Dog or the Ox. This penalty is a serious one and for those with these three animal signs in their Four Pillars (Chinese astrology), they are advised to avoid

visiting deserts this year. Another idiosyncrasy of the chain of Goat, Dog and Ox, is people falling, frequently off roofs, often fatally! Also with the 5 Yellows in the West, however, it could also indicate real problems in both Western Australia and the desert areas of Western Africa. Given their recent troubles, Mali and Senegal both come to mind.

Those born under the sign of the Goat are in penalty for the year and are advised to wear a pendant of a Horse to attract any negative affects away. Penalty indicates sickness and health issues, in particular. Those born under the Ox by contrast are deemed to be in clash for the year and as such can expect more frustration, disturbance and movement in their lives in 2015. Clash is best treated by ensuring we organise some changes to our lives for the duration of the clash and so whilst one is also advised to wear a pendant of a Horse for the in-coming year, it is also a god time to change houses, jobs, to travel, get married etc.

Years of the Goat are:

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

The month of the Goat is: 7th July - 7th August

The hour of the Goat is: 1-3pm

Days of the Goat must be calculated individually.

Years of the Ox are:

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

The month of the Ox is: 6th January - 3rd February

The hour of the Ox is 1-3am

Days of the Ox must be calculated individually.

However, for a full understanding of the year to come, you will need to attend my Annual Talk.

Quote

'Start every day off with a smile and get it over with.'

W. C. Fields

Time for Annual Audits:

Of course with all this talk of the start of the new feng shui year, it means that it's time for everyone to consider their Annual Feng Shui Reviews. These are an important aspect of your application of classical Chinese feng shui and an excellent way to keep the energies in your homes and offices refreshed and maximised. Those wishing to book their annual visits can either call me (09) 6257-888 / 021-1993-888 or e-mail me at fsc@fengshui88.co.nz

As you all know, this is the busiest time of the year in feng shui circles and so early bookings are always much appreciated! Remember the feng shui year is Solar based and so begins every year on the 4th Feb. Chinese Lunar New Year is on 19th Feb.

A Thought for the Times:

Although many may know the oft quoted verse from Omar Khayyam's 11th Century *Rubaiyat*, few seem

to know from whence it comes and fewer still will know the verse that follows, and the sentiment it expresses. Khayyam, who many assume was a Sufi, rather than an orthodox Muslim, certainly appeared to espouse a more mystical, esoteric type of Islam, his frequent references to enjoying wine for a start are often controversial in stricter Islamic circles. Would that today's militant Islamists and their fiery Imams applied one of their religion's most famous poet's and philosopher's saner view of their god's *Paradise*.

Vs12: *"Here with a little bread beneath the bough, a flask of wine, a book of verse, and thou beside me singing in the wilderness - Oh wilderness were Paradise enow! Vs13: Some for the Glories of This World, and some sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come; Ah take the cash, and let the promise go. Nor heed the music of a distant drum."*

The great, late Christopher Hitchens once epitomised the only reasonable attitude possible in today's world when he said: *"Mockery of Religion is one of the most essential things ... one of the beginnings of human emancipation is the ability to laugh at authority."* Therefore, in memory of all those slaughtered in the name of Jihad. *Je suis Charlie*



Omar Khayyam: *"Here with a little bread beneath the bough..."*

My New Website:

I have just launched my new, updated and might I say, *very fancy* website! I want to say a BIG thanks to Ram and his team at Inmediaconcepts.com. I'm very excited about the changes and will be posting a lot of new material this coming year, especially on the Blog. Do Check it out! www.fengshui88.co.nz

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