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A very Happy New Year to all my readers. As we look forward to welcoming in 2016 and the Year of the Fire Monkey, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all very best wishes for the coming year and to thank you all for your ongoing support and interest in my work, as varied, weird and wonderful as it so often is! As always at this time of year, it's good to review just what we can expect from the coming year.

Welcoming in the Year of the Fire Monkey

2016 will be the Year of the Fire Monkey. In the traditional Chinese time keeping system, often referred to as the *Xia* or Farmer's calendar, a two tier system is employed. This dual set of symbols known as the Gan-zi or Stems and Branches system, reflects both cosmic or heavenly and earthly influences present at any given moment in time. This unique set of paired symbols is an ingenious method of recording the passage of events within a repeating time pattern, specifically as it is reflected by Yin Yang Five element theory. The overall pattern is repeated every sixty years and so by looking back sixty years, we can get some indication of what might be in store in the coming year.

Thinking of 2016, since the Earthly Branch of the year, the Monkey is yang metal, and the Heavenly Stem of the year is yang fire, and fire conquers metal, these two can be understood to be in an antagonistic or destructive relationship. This sadly, indicates a year of disharmony and we can assume that 2016 will be a year that brings conflict in international affairs. Yang fire is often perceived as being easily roused to anger, it tends to be volatile and impulsive, so we can expect a year of sudden, open conflicts. It helps to remember that yin years like 2015 and the Year of the Yin Wood Goat, tend to give us more covert, hidden and secret activities, especially when it comes to international and governmental affairs and actions; think of the secrecy of the now infamous TPP deal.

Yang years by contrast are overt and aggressive in their character. This often indicates the nature of human interactions, especially between governments. Applying the rule of looking back sixty years to see what the same year brought then, we find that the year was full of international conflict with Soviet Armed Forces suppressing massed demonstrations in the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, and then later, even more brutally, invading and extinguishing the Hungarian Revolution. (*Of the more than*

200,000 Hungarians who fled their homeland and sought refuge from the violence of Soviet troops, New Zealand that year took in 1,000 of them. History does indeed repeat itself it seems, although faultily, as New Zealand is scheduled to take in just 750 Syrian refugees over the next three years; starting from this year.)

In 1956, The United Kingdom, France and Israel jointly bombed Suez after Nasser declared he had nationalised the canal and marched his troops into the Sinai, thus setting the fuse to the **Suez Crisis**. In the same year, Morocco and Tunisia gained their independence and Fidel Castro and his followers landed in Cuba, triggering the three year Cuban Revolution.

However, on the positive side, yang fire is also considered to be more open and honest than the wood element of 2014 and 2015, which adds a certain *frisson* of stubbornness and intransigence to world affairs. This suggests that whilst anger may be quick and easy to arouse in 2016, it also calms quickly and so compromises and settlements can be reached more easily than in 2014 especially. Since yang fire is also likened to the sun and is optimistic, it also brings a certain amount of buoyancy of mood with it. This was reflected, superficially at least, in Mao's duplicitous *Hundred Flowers Campaign* in which the Communist Party appeared to relax its defences and in fact invited criticisms of its rule, only to clamp down viciously the following year on any and all dissent.

Annual Talk

This year my Annual Feng Shui Talk will be held on Friday 19th February 7:30pm to 10pm approx.

As seats are limited, the event is invitation only.

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Both the stock markets and the entertainment industry are of the fire element and so are expected to be very active this year. Sixty years ago, Norma Jean changed her name to Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley conquered hearts and the charts with his hit *Heartbreak Hotel* and Doris Day recorded her immortal *Que Sera Sera*. The metal of the monkey by contrast, is associated with financial markets and since it requires fire to activate metal, we can expect the overall economy to still do relatively well, at least until the middle of next year when the fire finally dissipates and is replaced by the more meditative element of earth. In addition, the Monkey is what is referred to as a *Travelling Horse*. This means that while more people will have extra chances to travel during the coming year, there is also likely to be more than the usual numbers of traffic accidents, especially road and air accidents. As fire is the Stem of the year and fire is related to flying and the aviation industry, this indicates accidents in the air. Interestingly enough however, the same energy of fire indicates an increase in the use and application of flying drones in the year of the Fire Monkey.

Since the Monkey sits opposite the Tiger in the Chinese zodiac arrangement, the Tiger is considered to be under Clash for the year. Clash indicates disturbance and frustration, so people born under the influence of the Tiger, either by their year, month, day or hour of their birth will come under the influence of this Clash. However, since the Tiger is also a mutual *Travelling Horse* for the Monkey, both those born under the influence of either the Monkey or the Tiger are likely to have more than normal opportunities to travel in the coming year. Indeed, by travelling, they will help to reduce the affects of the Clash. It's also a good year for those under these influences to change house, job, schools etc. Such changes are said to help reduce the Clash. likewise, those under the influence of the Monkey, are said to be offending Tai Sui, and so are in Penalty for the year. In both cases, those born under the influences of either the Monkey or the Tiger, are advised to wear a pendant of a Snake to help attract the Clash/Penalty away from themselves.

From a feng shui perspective, the year is a 2 centred year and since the 2 is related to sickness, it can be expected that the types of sickness likely will have to do with the lungs and breathing organs. In Chinese metaphysics, the element associated with the Monkey is metal and since metal is related to our breathing organs, it's easy to conjecture that air born diseases, such as flu will be particularly prevalent

this year. Indeed 1956 saw the Asian Flu pandemic spread world-wide, having originated in China. For a more in-depth review of what can be expected in 2016 please ask for your invitation to my **Annual Feng Shui Talk**.

Quote

'Sole Yin won't breed; Sole Yang won't grow; there needs to be an intercourse of both to create a momentum of qi.' Master K.

Origins of the Legend

In researching for this issue, I came across this cute explanation of the origins of Chinese New Year celebrations. In ancient times, there was a type of vicious beast called “year”. On every 30th day of the 12th lunar month, the beast would come to the village and go door to door, eating people, killing livestock, and destroying crops. On one such night, Year arrived at a particular village. It just so happens that two young shepherds were in the middle of a bullwhip competition. Year was terrified by the sudden loud cracking in the air and ran away from the village. The beast ended up in another village and the first thing he saw was a large red coat being hung out to dry on the front yard. Year didn't know what that big red thing was, and again ran away in fear. At the third village he came to, Year peaked into one of the homes and saw that everything inside was ablaze with lamp light. Blinded and dizzy from the bright light, Year had no choice but to turn tail and run again. The people figured out that Year was weak against loud noises, the colour red, and bright lights. They developed many ways to utilize these factors against Year. And so came the Chinese tradition of celebrating the new year with fire crackers, wearing red cloths and decorating the house with red and gold everywhere.



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