

## Welcome to the Year of the Fire Rooster!

This Year the Change-over day is a day early and comes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, instead of the usual 4<sup>th</sup>. This variation happens on an irregular basis, and has to do with keeping the Chinese Solar Calendar in step. The last time this happened was 5<sup>th</sup> February 1971 and won't occur again until the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. So, what can we expect from the Year of the Yin Fire Rooster? With significant changes in the world's political scene occurring rapidly, 2017 is likely to be year we all remember for one reason or another. Donald Trump's surprise election to the Presidency of the USA, Theresa May assigned to engineer Brexit, South Korea's President facing serious charges in court and the unexpected departure of John Key, we seem to be living with an even greater level of uncertainty.

When considering just what the incoming year is likely to bring, there are a couple of factors we can turn to, to try and gain some level of insight. The first is to analyse the relationship between the elements involved. The Chinese Xia or Farmer's Calendar is unique in that it counts time in terms of the interaction between the Five Elements: Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal and Water. It observes time in terms of a Heavenly or Cosmic factor, and an Earthly factor. These make up the traditional Chinese system of the sexagenary cycle. The five elements sitting on top of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac are referred to as the ten Heavenly Stems and the twelve Earthly Branches.

This year, we have the Heavenly Stem of Yin Fire sitting on the metal of the Rooster. Since fire and metal are in an antagonistic relationship, it will be a year of aggression and conflict. Since the metal of the Rooster too is Yin Metal, it is refined or hardened metal, like a dagger or very sharp knife. Yin fire is like a candle. The emotion that accompanies fire is joy and yin fire people are known to be kind, caring but emotional and can explode suddenly and tend to hold on to their anger. Yin metal is also likened to a handgun. These too are known to have flames shooting from them. This indicates that we can expect a year of more shootings, stabbings and conflict than usual.

However, the biggest issue is more related to the effect that fire has on the money markets. Money, banking etc are metal element and therefore, they require the presence of fire in order to stimulate

them. From August, however, all fire ceases and a cycle of water and metal begins until the wood of the Tiger returns finally in 2022. (The wood of the Tiger, hides the fire necessary to stimulate metal once again. This indicates a tightening of the money markets, banking, stocks and shares etc. Some even predict yet another crash of the markets. History teaches us that when fire dies so do the money markets.

The last time this happened was when fire died in 2007/2008 and the markets crashed, triggering the Global Financial Crisis.

1997, too saw the ending of the fire cycle in July of that year and the start of the Asian Financial Crisis, which spread to many other economies over the following two years.

Likewise, similar recessions and down turns in the financial markets can be seen approximately every ten years with the departure of fire: 1987, 1977, 1967, even 1957.

Yang fire is like the sun and so yin fire is associated with the stars. When fire begins to fail, so do many involved in industries associated with fire. Fire industries are entertainment, movies and fashion. Last year saw a plethora of movie and music stars passing. David Bowie, Leonard Cohen, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Carrie Fisher and even her mother Debbie Reynolds. Sadly, with fire leaving this year, we can expect more such departures of famous entertainers.

In spite of this rather sad aspect of the dying of fire, it is predicted that it will be a good year for the movie, fashion and entertainment industries. 1957, the last time we saw Yin Fire sitting on the Rooster saw many famous movies: West Side Story and Bridge Over the River Kwai being two. There were innovations in science and space exploration; the Russians launched their first unmanned sputnik.

To learn more of what the Year of the Yin Metal Rooster has in store for us, you might like to attend my Annual Talk, to be held this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Please contact me directly for tickets to this invitation only event. Whatever the Year of the Rooster may bring, I wish you all the very best of health, happiness and peace!

### Quote:

*'If you want something you have never had, then you must do something you have never done.'* Unknown

## Time for Annual Checks:

Yes folks, it's that time of year again, time for your Annual Feng Shui Checks. I have been particularly busy with the start of the year but there is still plenty of time to book your Annual Checks, if you haven't already.

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### Quote

*"Neither should a ship rely on one small anchor, nor should life rest on a single hope."*

Epictetus

## Talk to the Chinese Community at the new Chinese Library, Panmure:

I was recently invited to give a New Year's Talk to members of the Chinese community at the new Chinese Library in Panmure. My hosts had been diligent in promoting the talk via we-chat forums; the Chinese on-line version of Facebook, and an enthusiastic and attentive crowd turned out. It was necessary to work through an interpreter as many of the audience were not confident in their English but were nevertheless all willing to participate and there was a lot of good natured humour over the competitions run for copies of my book, 'Strange but True, tales of Feng Shui'. It was a fun and gratifying night and I look forward to holding a series of workshops and seminars for these groups throughout the coming months.



Speaking to members of the Chinese community at the new Chinese Library, Panmure

## A Curious Tale from the Past

I came across this interesting story a while ago on the internet and thought it worth repeating.

A prominent landmark for travellers on the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. Mr Alvin G. Cone of Waynetown, Indiana, who visited with his two daughters in Casper during the summer of 1921, had earlier passed over the trail in June 1863. "We camped at Devil's Gate", says Mr Cone, "and four of

us started to climb the north wall, and when about half way up, there was a loud roaring coming out of a large hole between two huge boulders, which we took to be the roar of a lion. We were not long in getting down, and as we reached the base, we noticed a grave with a wooden slab at the head, with this inscription: Here lies the bones of Caroline Todd, whose soul has lately gone to God; 'Ere redemption was too late'. She was redeemed at Devil's Gate.

"The girl at the time of her death was eighteen years of age. She with four women, had climbed to the top of the ridge, and the girl told her companions that she was going to look over. They warned her not to try it, for she would fall if she did, but she went to the edge of the chasm, became dizzy and fell to the bottom. A company of soldiers was stationed near there at the time, and they cared for the grave as long as they remained."

The inventory notes are a bit confusing but Todd's marker may still have been legible in 1983. Reemer's marker was not found, and they cited Coutant's notes for its existence. It could be that the facts were garbled through the years and both stories refer to the same grave site. Or it could be that two women met their fate here and the poetic possibilities were just too irresistible.



Devil's Gate but in Feng Shui terms it's a lethal 'Crack from Sky'. Other research shows there the place has a history of violence.

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