

Welcome to the Year of the Ox.

Welcome to the year of the Yin Metal Ox. I am sure that many of you, will be heaving a sigh of relief about now, and hoping against hope that the Year of the Yin Metal Ox will be calmer and far less frightening than 2020, the year of the Yang Metal Rat was. At first glance it would appear that that is a reasonable expectation but, as we will soon see, this may not be quite the case. The Year of the Ox begins tomorrow on 3rd Feb 2021. Many of you will realise this is a day earlier to the usual date of 4th Feb. In fact, the date of the Solar New Year varies from time to time and can start from 3rd Feb to 5th of Feb, but is usually on the 4th Feb. 2017 was the last time the Solar New Year started on the 3rd of Feb.

Quote:

*"Remember, birdwatching goes both ways."
"That's vaguely threatening."
"Thank you!"*

So just what might we expect from the Year of the Yin Metal Ox? At first glance, it might look like the element of Yin Metal is in harmony with the Earth of the Ox, earth supporting metal as it does. But actually, the earth of the Ox is very weak. The Ox has hidden elements within it. These being: metal and water as well as earth. Thus, the earth of the Ox is wet earth. This is in part because the Ox is the grave of the metal element and metal gives birth to water. Just as the element of fire entered the grave in the year of the Dog, so metal enters the grave in the year of the Ox. Because the earth of the Ox is weak, we can expect landslides and earthquakes in the coming year. Indeed, we have seen a series of earthquakes across the southern half of the North Island of New Zealand in the past Month of the Ox (January 2021). Likewise, with the metal element still being present in the year of the Yin Metal Ox, we can speculate that the pandemic of Covid19, is more than likely to continue on for the better part of the year. This is because the element of metal is related to the breathing organs of the body and so in years where metal shows up, we find respiratory illnesses come to the fore. Another example of this was the year 2005 the Year of the Yin Wood Rooster, when we saw the Asian Bird Flu become a very real concern; Rooster being yin metal. When looking at the element of Yin Metal as the Heavenly Stem of the year, Yin Metal represents beauty and prettiness, but it also represents refined or toughened metal, jewellery, daggers, knives, but also small

ANNUAL TALK 2021

I will be holding my Annual Talk on **Thursday 4th March at 7pm**. The theme will be a review of the past year, the Year of the Rat and a look to the future for the Year of the Ox. I will also give an in-depth assessment of the events of 6th Jan and the storming of Washington's Capitol, and its precedents. As space is limited, this is an invitation only event. If you'd like an invitation, please contact Danny on either 021-1993-888 or by email at fsc@fengshui88.co.nz.



metal weapons, such as knives, swords, hand guns and other such small arms. Those born with yin metal in the day pillars are said to be very tough and determined people indeed. By extension, yin metal suggests assassinations, terrorist attacks and mischief in general. In yin years, there is an increase in conspiracy theories, as if we haven't had enough of those over the past four years! Things are not as overt and aggressive as in yang years however, so this gives hope that perhaps there may not be quite as much violent aggression as we saw in the year of the Yang Metal Rat. Much more detail as to what we can expect from the Year of the Yin Metal Ox will be covered in my Annual Talk.

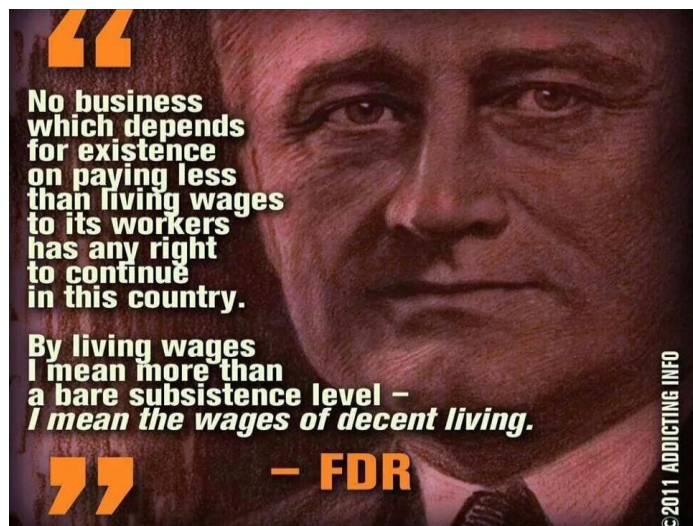
Quote:

"6:30 is the best time. Hands down."

The Biden Inauguration:

The long-anticipated Biden Inauguration went off without a hitch, so long as you accept the Mall was empty of people due as much to the Covid19 Pandemic, as it was to the need for such tight security as the USA has not seen since 9/11. Trump by contrast, slunk out of town with little more than a whimper of self-pity, no doubt engulfed with the fear of what awaits him, now he no longer has the refuge of Presidential Immunity to keep the handcuffs at

bay. The Day was a Yang Earth Dragon day with the Day Master of Balance. Balance indicates the opportunity to regain equilibrium and get rid of bad luck. The day passed off without incident so it seems, and President Biden very quickly set about trying to right some of the damage to the USA's international reputation done over the previous four years of the Trump administration. It will take a lot more than simply signing executive orders to rescind those issued by Trump, and even longer for his country to regain any legitimacy as leader of the free world, if indeed it ever can. The damage to its democratic institutions that have crept in over several decades, will need time to recover from, and even longer to strengthen them. Such loss of prestige will smart the American psyche for a long time to come. The deep divisions in the country too will burn savagely for the foreseeable future and if Biden and his team cannot start to heal them, within the next couple of years, there will remain the very real potential for the break-up of the Union. Next year, the year of the Yang Water Tiger will be a tough one and since the Tiger is so often associated with armed conflict, *Uncle Sam* is a long way from being out of the woods. Learn more at my Annual Talk.



Two Apples:

A child was holding two apples. The mother asked for one of them. The child immediately took a bite first from one apple and then the other. The mother held back her disappointment. But then the child offered her one of them, saying 'Here mummy, take this one', it's the sweetest!

Military Coup in Myanmar

There is a certain irony that almost exactly a month to the day from the attempted, but ultimately defeated takeover of the Washington DC Capitol by Trump and his thugs, a successful coup was announced by the military of Myanmar on the 1st of February 2021. Whereas the 6th of January was a

Yang Wood Tiger Day, with a Day Master of Removal, the 1st of February just a month later was a Yang Metal Dragon Day, but with a Day Master of Balance. Oh, what a difference a month can make. Both events had the element of surprise. A Yang Wood Tiger is very strong wood indeed and since the wood element is stubborn and refuses to bend or compromise, we have the image of stubborn, unbending people; "I will never concede!" boasted Trump. Yang Metal, by contrast represents the military and the use of heavy weapons such as tanks. Reports coming in from Yangon, the largest city in Myanmar, very quickly reported a heavy military presence on the city's streets by the midday Monday.



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi elected leader of Myanmar

Aung San Suu Kyi, 'the lady' as she is affectionately known by the Burmese, is the democratically elected leader of the country, and although her reputation has been somewhat tarnished recently in the West following her apparent support of the Military and their persecution of the Rohingya Muslims, she remains very popular inside Myanmar. She and her party won last year's November elections by a landslide, which appears to have unsettled the corrupt Generals who hold ultimate power, literally by the barrels of their guns. They have arrested Suu Kyi along with many of her ministers. Their whereabouts at time of writing, remains unknown. The Myanmar military's main sponsor is China, who will no doubt be watching events unfold with keen attention, wanting to ensure their own, very considerable interests within Myanmar, are not damaged or threatened. The Generals in Myanmar are long used to dealing with and deflecting the outside world's attempts to impose sanctions, which the new Biden Administration have been quick to threaten. So powerful is this military elite, and so notoriously superstitious are they, that they abandoned Yangon, as Capital city, only to build a whole new one on a vast scale in the Jungle, to satisfy their need for complete power and security. The new capital, Naypyidaw is four times the size of London, and is said to be built to very strict feng shui principles yet it remains a virtual ghost town.

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