

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE RAIN DRAGON 2012

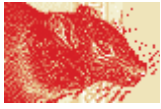
Are you ready for something a little different this year? Tired of the same-old same-old? Ready to start a family maybe - or to add to your existing one? Maybe you just want to splash out little bit and do something out of the ordinary? If a sea-change is in your cards, then the year of the Rain Dragon is your year to do so. **The Dragon is considered to be the most auspicious of the Chinese animals**, and Dragon years are said to be the best for having babies and for making money, the latter point may seem a bit odd, given the current economic climate in the world. Nonetheless, the Dragon, being the Imperial emblem, is always seen as abundant, as inventive, and as regal. The Dragon is a very potent sign and bestows auspicious powers. So, you may like to start a scheme with your partners or friends, put on the thinking caps and put those financial plans you have been mulling over in the past into action, for the Dragon year is the year to do so. There may initially appear to be opposition to your plans, but cracks will eventually appear, and finally the dam will break, flooding your life with opportunity.

The Rain Dragon is perceptive and patient, highly intelligent, able to see eye-to-eye with others, and gains its best benefit through careful and patient work. This is not a year to rush things, however. Rather, whatever plans have been laid in the past are now set to come to fruit, and it should be a year of enjoyment of some success, whatever your field of endeavor. Beware, though: this is not a year for grandstanding or for making bold or outrageous statements. The Rain Dragon retires from the spotlight and works quietly in the background, though the results of its plans may seem outstanding when the work is done. So, don't shy away from that scheme you've had in the back of your mind, for there the Rain Dragon has worked away quietly, waiting for his day to rain forth his benefits. This is the year when you use what you put away for those rainy days - and there will be plenty of them, as Rain Dragon years always bring more than their share of precipitation. Whatever comes, though, **the Rain Dragon will bestow its benefits on all who are ready to pursue their dreams**. May wealth, happiness and fulfillment of plans rain down upon you this year!

Malvin Artley, Astrologer

HOW YOUR SIGN WILL FARE IN 2012

Further in this document you can read about how to discover your sign, if you do not already know it.



Rat: This is the year to shine for Rats, for not only is the year in your home element, which is water, but also the Rat month this year is ruled by water. The only thing to fear this year is that you take on too much and wind up treading water rather than being able to flow freely with your ideas. Keep a notepad with you at all times, especially in the late hours, and use all this water energy for serious interfacing with others. You will find people more than ready to hear what you have to say and to discuss things with you. This is year of the 'BIG IDEA' for you. If you plan carefully, be ready to dive for the pearls that you seed in your oysters in the coming months. Seize the day!



Ox: Come on, now, dear Ox. We know you have that stash safely tucked away for the rainy day. What are you going to do with all that stored resource? We know you have plans for it, and we know they are solid plans. So, come on – 'fess up! If you want to make money this year, no matter what your sign, hitch your cart to an Ox. By the end of the year, and especially in their month (December) they should be rolling in the money if they play their cards right. The elements have conspired to give our careful and patient Ox exactly what they've been waiting for: opportunity, the right time in the right place. Water is the money element for Oxen and we have it this year in spades. Not only that, the Ox month this year is ruled by water as well. So in terms of finances, if you want to see how it's done, just watch how the Ox does it - and do it they will!



Tiger: Oh tenacious Tiger, lying in wait, the vigil shall not be long this year. Though you may have felt frustrated in the past two years, the tide is about to turn for you. But then, you're good at waiting, silently churning plans around, waiting for the perfect opportunity to pounce. Will it be in January? Maybe March? Perhaps you wait to the end of the year. It doesn't matter when, and we know you already have it figured out anyway. You smell opportunity this year, and you can feel it coming. In that, you would be right, for this year will feed your energies and fire your enthusiasm, especially if you're a Black Tiger (1962). Opportunities like this don't come every day - but then, you know that too. Who knows what plans you have in store? We see you poised. We'll just wait and see when and where you strike. It should be fabulous! Money and creativity are yours for the taking this year. Enjoy your dip in the cool refreshing water!



Rabbit: Mystic Rabbit, what do you see in your crystal ball this year? Like your brother, the Tiger, you have been waiting, too, off in the dreamtime working your spells. This is not the year of big starts for you, but plans can be put in place. There is time yet to brew those potions that will hatch your plans - and you need this water for those potions, don't you? Next year will be your year, but that is not to say that this year will not yield good results. This year for you is about careful planning, and not getting lost in other-worldly pursuits, which you do so dearly love. Spend this year communing with like minds and spreading your mental wings. Telepathy and subtle communication will be very strong for you this year. Use it to good advantage. A bit of artistry would not go far astray, either. You never know - that piece of art you do may very well reveal the future for you, or maybe that little magical potion that you cooked up a couple of years ago might actually bring the very person to you that will help you realize your dream. Whatever you do this year, remain open and know that if not this year, then the next, you will realize that for which you seek.



Dragon: OK... You know you want it. You've been waiting for several years now. What are you waiting for? Life has handed you up the very thing you wanted for so long on a silver platter. So, what will you do with it? What do you want? Money, children, success, notoriety, or maybe just a good year - all these are yours and more if you want them, and with a little careful work (Ooh - there's that word again!) the things you wanted most may just fall in your lap this year. This is your year after all! Here it is - your money element (water) and the element that brings you control and focus (wood) are both here to help. Not many people can say they have this much going for them this year. Whether you want to pioneer some great discovery, go sailing around the world solo, form a secret society, or create some magnificent architectural edifice, if you wanted to this year you could do it. Go on - you know you want to! We are all in your corner. Yes, when all is said and done at the end of the year, we can talk to others about you and say, "Yes, I knew them then!"



Snake: Fancy taking up a new hobby, our sagacious Serpent? Perhaps a new class or course of study is in order, or maybe you just feel like playing things safe this year. Whatever you choose to do, you should find more than enough help to focus yourself and arrive at your destination. This is not a year for starting new projects in the world for you. Rather, this will be a time of inner work, putting things in place for the next few years, and of learning new skills, for which you have a great ability and finesse. In fact, if there's something in your life that has not quite worked, this will be the time to apply your considerable skills. All study and inner work favors you this year. Anything that requires a disciplined approach is your cup of tea as well. In fact, the Rain Dragon favors careful and patient work and, since you find your natural pair in the Dragon, in some ways you should feel right at home with this year, even though outer success may prove to be a little elusive. Don't take it personally. It's just the universe cajoling you to employ all those great managerial skills which you have. After this year, make sure your notebook is in order, for you will be busy in the world next year.



Horse: Our headstrong Horse, it is no use chafing at the bit this year, wishing things were different, wishing you go outside and roam free. The rains have come, and like your elemental sibling the Snake, it may be better for you to focus your energy elsewhere than out-of-doors and instead use that fine mind of yours to make bold plans for the future, for in two years' time no one will be able to catch you if you plan things well now. You're one of the best organizers there are, and it may just be that a little reorganization of your own life, rather than everyone else's life, is exactly what you need right now. Like the Snake, take up a new hobby or discipline, catch up on your reading, do something new with the kids, but for goodness sake keep it about you and don't think because you're inside it means you have to get everyone else organized. Of course, there is always the gym if you absolutely have to have that exercise, but your time is better spent working on your mind this year and letting the world and those around you run themselves for a while. They will love you for it, and when you're out running free when the energy is better you will be able to enjoy things a lot more if you make the inner adjustments now. We know patience is not your strong point, but a little self-discipline pays big dividends down the road.



Sheep: No one would ever think it of you just by looking at you, but when you get fired up people had better step out of the way. Are you ready to be fired up? Well, ready or not, this year will do it for you. You may find this year that sacrifices need to be made for love, but it doesn't mean that you have to be a doormat - and woe be to anyone who thinks you are this year! This is the time for you where anything involving children, women's issues, social justice, and the common people will really have a way of getting your goat, as it were. This is not a year to retreat and become monkish, to which you can be inclined. Instead, you need to be out and involved, and it may turn out to be that way whether you want it that way or not. Then again, you will still be in your element. Your native element, Earth, controls the year element, and you can get a lot done in the world if you so desire. So, if there is something you have wanted to do but had not had the passion to do so, look for that to change in the coming months. You are no shrinking violet when your passions are aroused, and there is no finer person to have on your side when the fire is blazing!



Monkey: Are you ready for a mental challenge, our Monkey mastermind? It is time to dust off all the old projects that have been gathering dust on the shelves and in your closet, maybe in the attic or the cellar, maybe in all those places - you have a thousand of them - and actually do something with at least one of them. Yes, you are very clever and no one knows better than you, but dust and cobwebs do not a dollar make, and an idea unrealized is a sad thing. It is time to finally connect the wires, tighten screws, write the user's manual and finally show the world your true genius. This year is full of promise and every aid will be around you to help you realize the fullness of your abilities. You must produce this year. The time for thinking has passed. If you apply yourself, with a little patience there is little that you could not accomplish in the coming months. This is not the year to be the mellow Monkey. Now is time to be the Monkey in motion!



Rooster: Are your feathers still a bit ruffled from last year, our Rooster? Feeling a little bit out of sorts? Well, smooth out the plumage and put on a good face. Few people scrub up better than you. Though the past two years might have been difficult, this year and the next few will see you better placed. You will feel things begin to turn around in the coming months. Like the Monkey, your brother, it is time to dust off some of those projects or presentations that you've been holding onto for a while now. The opportunities for presentation are just around the corner, so if you plan carefully now you will be well-poised for when the signs are more auspicious. So, take a deep breath, take stock of things, make sure everything is in order, and breathe a sigh of relief. Take a vacation, get caught up on your reading, be a presence in the social scene, and before you know it the time for crowing will be upon you. We look forward to hearing you.



Dog: You are Dog de Rigueur on everyone's guest list this year. The heavens open and the things you touch seem to turn to gold. With a little bit of foresight, which you have in abundance, and your natural social skills (oh, and did we mention loyalty?) You should be able to write your own ticket this year. This year's element is your natural money element and especially in the Dog month (October) your entrepreneurial and social skills are switched on to their fullest. You can form some very important social and personal contacts this year. All you have to do is remain open. Even though the Dragon is usually your opposite, this particular Dragon is more suited to you. Spend time with those you love and doing things you love. If you make up your mind to see opportunity in everything - literally everything - this will turn out to be a very fascinating and productive period for you. The only thing that will hold you back this year is a limited outlook. Be outgoing, schmooze a little, but most of all be genuine, for all the world loves the Dog. What is not to love when you curry favor with a Canine?



Pig: Congratulations, perceptive Pig! Your ship has come in! At last the year comes around that has your native ruling element. Water abounds and you're ready to set sail again. Where will the great ocean take you? You can do whatever you like this year. Whatever you do, though, do it with loved ones. Take that cruise, decorate the house, buy that new fancy toy you always wanted, but above all else spend a lot of time talking with people and sharing your stories. You'll be amazed at what comes up in what presents itself to you. Punctuate public relations, punctilious Pig, and the world shall be your open book. The truth of your life shall be in the telling, both from your side and others', and you will soon know the distant port which will reveal itself as your ultimate destination. Oh, and do enjoy the cruise! We can't wait to hear the stories and see the pictures!

How to find your Animal Sign and Element

Consult the following table to find the Animal Sign associated with your year of birth:

Rat Years	1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
Ox Years	1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
Tiger Years	1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
Rabbit Years	1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
Dragon Years	1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
Snake Years	1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001
Horse Years	1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
Sheep Years	1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
Monkey Years	1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
Rooster Years	1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
Dog Years	1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
Pig Years	1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

If you were born in January or February of your year, you will need to make certain of your animal sign, since you may have been born under the previous animal sign. To check this, go into *Solar Fire* and find the new moon of Aquarius for that year, which is the start of the Chinese New Year for that year. The same rule applies for the Element associated with a particular year. If you were born before 1936, simply add 12, 24 or 36 to your birth year and find your corresponding year in the preceding table. Use the following table to find the element for your year:

Wood	Year ends in the numbers 4 or 5
Fire	Year ends in the numbers 6 or 7
Earth	Year ends in the numbers 8 or 9
Metal	Year ends in the numbers 0 or 1
Water	Year ends in the numbers 2 or 3

For example, 1987 was a Fire Rabbit Year. Another example, 1906 was a Water Horse Year (adding 36 to 1906)

To see how your Year Element will fare for the Year and by the Month, consult the following table:

	Wood	Fire	Earth	Metal	Water
Wood	Excellent	Productive	Rewarding	Tensions	Sustaining
Fire	Sustaining	Excellent	Productive	Rewarding	Tensions
Earth	Tensions	Sustaining	Excellent	Productive	Rewarding
Metal	Rewarding	Tensions	Sustaining	Excellent	Productive
Water	Productive	Rewarding	Tensions	Sustaining	Excellent

For example:

If you were born in a Water Year, for example (1982/3, 1972/3, 1962/3, etc.) then this year will feed you, meaning you should feel bolstered or stimulated by events this year.