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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



It is almost the year of the “Brown Earth Rat.” He (a yang water sign) is brown or yellow because this year is also governed by the yang element of earth. Therefore, the Lunar New Year, which begins on February 7th, 2008, is ruled by yang earth (Mountain) sitting or floating on top of yang water (ocean.) The element of Earth is usually seen as dominating water in the energetic cycle of the elements, but this year the yang water is very strong and does not provide a

solid base. Although the events of the year may appear to be stable on the surface, there will be a lot of tension, turmoil and conflict underlying them.

The Chinese calendar is a sixty year cycle with 5 twelve year sub-cycles represented by the animals. Each of the 12 animals passes through the zodiac 5 times and is paired with a different one of the 5 elements (water, wood, fire, earth or metal.) Therefore, this year is a pairing of the rat with earth. The qualities of an earth rat year were last experienced in 1948.

Looking back at some of the political events of 1948; the state of Israel was created, and the Arab- Israel war began, the Cold war intensified with the Soviet Union, the Berlin Blockade began, Czechoslovakia was taken over by the Com-

unist party, the Republic of Korea was created, Mahatma Gandhi was murdered and President Truman issued the 2nd military draft in peacetime. The underlying worldwide turmoil of that year is evident and most of it is being recycled.

At the same time, new humanitarian and scientific structures were being put into place that have survived the whole cycle; The World Council of Churches was established, the UN adopted the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," WHO was founded, Planned Parenthood was created, the "Big Bang Theory" was published, the term cybernetics was coined, the theoretical basis for holography was established, the first nightly newscasts were televised and much more. Looking at this list, it is evident that with the return of brown rat energies, we have the opportunity this year to create, with a clear sustained focus, new, innovative structures that will serve humanity and the Earth at a higher turn of the spiral. (The 60 year cycles also evolve , with the current cycle ending in 2043.)

The rat is the first of the twelve animal signs, so this new year represents the beginning of a new twelve year sub-cycle. There will be several major elections taking place in 2008 that can change international relations; The United States, Russia, United Kingdom, Taiwan, Pakistan, Armenia, Serbia, and many more. This is also the first time since 1928 that the United States has not had a standing President or Vice President running for the office of president. With new leaders on the horizon, we may see a new more thoughtful, inclusive world order emerging from the underlying chaos of the year.

Last year, the year of the red fire pig, fires were predominant in the environment and this year will bring problems with water. The powerful water of the rat year portends many water disasters such as storms, heavy flooding, tsunamis, and melting glaciers. The Yang earth element on top of the water denotes unstable earth, which could result in mudslides, earthquakes or even the collapse of buildings and bridges.

The water element of the rat is also in a clash with the fire element of the horse. This relationship often brings accidents related to water, fire and airplane crashes. If one goes back to look at previous earth rat years, you'll find these years seem to have more of these types of accidents than any others.

On a lighter note, romance as well as sexual scandals are highlighted in rat years! The rat is seen as one of the most charming, innovative and passionate signs, falling in and out of love easily. Since we are at the beginning of a new cycle, this rat year will bring many opportunities for new relationships. It is especially favorable for people born in the year of the pig, rabbit or sheep.

This year is seen as a time to initiate new ideas, begin a new job, start new ventures or break new ground. Things begun in this cycle will have long term consequences and probably will not yield fast returns. There are, however, many opportunities for those who are prepared, resourceful and thrifty. It is a time to work hard and not take foolish risks. It is said in China that there are very few poor rats. They survive in ways no other sign does and find their way out of trouble by mental acuity and never trusting anyone blindly.

After two fire years, life may seem calmer this year, but this may be deceptive. We have to remain extremely vigilant and aware of what is going on beneath the surface. Many Chinese astrologers and prophets believe that this new cycle will be one of the most important the human race has ever experienced.

Now is the time to schedule your annual **Feng Shui** update and prepare for this powerful new cycle. It is especially important to put your "*peach blossom*" location and direction in order, if you are looking for romance in this year of the charming "brown rat!"

Feng Shui is based on the Solar Calendar, which begins on February 4th, the "Beginning of Spring."

Blessings, Carol

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