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## *Happy New Year!*

Out with the Rat and in with the Ox!! This is the wish of many people as 2008, the turbulent "Year of the Rat," draws to a close.

The Year of the "Brown Earth Ox" begins on January 26, 2009 and ushers in a cycle of methodical, practical hard work. It is all about staying focused on the bottom line. The Ox represents yin earth energy and the ruling element of the year is yin earth. 2009 is therefore a year of **"pure yin earth"** energy. Yin earth symbolizes a garden and the Ox (a castrated bull!) is usually depicted as a no nonsense, patient, hard working animal - either grazing in the pasture or working long hours under his overseers. He/she is dedicated to patience, persistence and long term success. This is not a year of short cuts,



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quick fixes and fast bucks. You get the picture!

Since the qualities of the heavenly stem "yin earth" are on top of the earthly branch "yin earth Ox" and are the same soft, slow earth energies, they are in peace. They symbolize homogeneity and there will be a lot of news concerning the status of same sex couples.

The year of the Ox also rules religions, values, philosophy, innovations, rules, and regulations. So, there will be lots of conflicts and changes within governments, organizations and religions. Obama is an Ox and with 2009 being a "change" year, his slogan, "Change we can believe in," is right on target!

In America, Inauguration day falls on an Ox day with a Ox President being sworn in! America seems to be deeply aligned with yin earth energy both positively and negatively. For example, The Declaration of Independence was signed on a yin earth day and Pearl Harbor was bombed on a yin earth day. Obama and Abraham Lincoln both have the same yin earth day energies as well.

To be prepared for the inevitable changes this year will bring into all sectors of our lives, there are three directions to avoid disturbing this year. These directions need to be addressed in addition to the annual flying star energies which change each year. The first is **Tai Sui** or the Grand Duke of Jupiter, the second is the **Sui Po** (direct opposite direction of the Grand Duke,) and the third is the "**Three Sha**."

When the year of the Brown Earth Ox (Ji Chou) arrives, there will be a new Grand Duke. The Grand Duke is the annual deity who controls human affairs for the year (see the December 2007 newsletter for an explanation of the Grand Duke of Jupiter or Tai Sui.) The Grand Duke this year rules the **northeast** (22.5° - 37.5°.)

In Feng Shui, if the facing (front) of your house or office faces these degrees (magnetically) it may mean problems or difficulty for the year. Within a structure, it is best to sit with Tai Sui behind you, but not in front of you. The Ox is seen as offending the Grand Duke this year, so health problems concerning tainted beef, food poisoning, and other stomach problems are highlighted.

The second direction is Sui Po which rules the **Southwest** (202.5° - 217.5°) and the third direction of the Three Sha is in the **East** (22.5° -127.5°.) You should avoid any construction, indoor renovation, digging or breaking of earth, or burial of deceased in any of these three magnetic directions in 2009.

This year, with "change" in the air, is the perfect time to reevaluate the energies of your home or business and implement the needed changes. Please call to schedule your annual Feng Shui Consultation.

Blessings, Carol