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Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season!

This month I am addressing *Tai Sui*, “the Minister of Time” or as he is frequently called “the Grand Duke of Jupiter” who personifies the Jupiter Year in the celestial ministry. The Chinese zodiac is based on Jupiter cycles.

Tai Sui literally means the Great Year, the Jupiter Year, the 12 year sidereal period which the planet takes to travel around the sun. Each year as the “shadow “ of Jupiter passes over the Earth like a wave and darkens the direction of the “animal” of the year (pig, rat, ox etc.), the location of “the Grand Duke of Jupiter” is revealed.

Many see *Tai Sui* as a 12 year cycle , but it is actually a larger 60 year pattern. The 12 year cycle of Jupiter is repeated 5 times. Each of the 60 years has a different quality and guardian or general, because it is ruled not only by the animal of the year but also by one of the five elements (fire,

earth, metal, water and wood.)

It is easy to find where *Tai Sui* is residing in your house for 2008 and to honor him. In Chinese tradition, no one dares offend him, as he is the ruler of the year! He always resides within the 15 degrees of the Year Branch or animal. For the year 2007, he is

located in the Northwest (322.5 - 337.5) degrees because this year is ruled by the red fire pig. Next year, 2008, (beginning Feb.4th), is the year of the “brown earth rat” and Tai Sui will be residing in the North (352.7 - 7.5) degrees. Many feel that the location of Tai Sui determines whether your home will have auspicious or inauspicious luck for the year.

One should never offend or disturb Tai Sui as it may cause illness, injury or possible loss of money. Therefore, one should avoid disturbing the earth in the north for 2008. Also, there should be no construction or renovation in this direction. It is advisable not to face the Tai Sui direction (north), but you can sit with your back to him.

For 2008, a building with a north sitting (back of building) is Ok, but a building facing north (front of building) at (362.7 - 7.5) may experience problems. When Tai Sui is at your front door, opening and closing the door can disturb him. Try to use another door, or put a pair of Qi Lin inside of the door. The main idea is to try to keep the Tai Sui area clean, uncluttered, quiet and undisturbed.

Each year of the 60 year cycle has a general with unique characteristics. These generals are all different aspects of Tai Sui (the one and the many). They are also known as time gods and are in charge of the well being of the mortal world. Below are paintings of three of the rulers. 2008 is blue and black, the colors of water and north.

2007 - General Feng Ji

2008 - General Zou Dang

2009 - General Gu You

