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Year of the Earth Ox ~ 4706

The 60-year cycle of Chinese astrology (12 animal signs that each pass through the 5 elements) bring us to the Earth Ox in 2009. It is thought that the earth element balances any negative qualities of the Ox who has the potential to be a raging bull.



The grounded, rational, earth influence of the Ox may bring good fortune to troubled economic times but only with a sustained, well planned effort. The Ox influence brings an aversion to risky credit and quick answers that are not well conceived. The Ox year brings success only through discipline and hard work.

The last time the Earth Ox was seen as the ruling influence was sixty years ago (January 29, 1949 - February 15, 1950.) With a bit of research, I found that the world suffered a recession in late 1948 and early 1949. The world economy recovered during the year of the Ox due to rational decisions and careful planning. By 1951, the recession was over. Many people will be searching for a quick solutions to the current economic crisis, but the Ox favors a well-planned, consistent path that will take more time but will lay a foundation for long lasting results.



Individually, each of the 12 animals has a different relationship with the Ox. If you are interested in finding out more about your own sign, please [contact me](#) for a reading and recommendations for enhancing advantages and mitigating misfortune. Heads up Oxen, contrary to popular belief, it is not easy when it is your zodiac animal's year.

It is considered good luck to carry a small 3 dimensional Rat. This is because the Rat is the most compatible sign with the Ox. According to Grand Master Lin-Yun (leader of the Black Hat Tibetan Buddhist lineage of feng shui), it is believed that when the Ox and Rat come together, the joy of this encounter is enough to offset any evil that the moment may harbor. But please note that the Horse and Ram clash with the Rat. So it is recommended that they carry a Snake and Rooster. This is because Ox, Snake and Rooster create a 'three harmony' relationship. Thus, presence of these two compatible animals with the Ox will serve to avert disaster, bring blessings and attract wealth.



Some may see these little creatures as talisman, others as superstition. I enjoy seeing a the little Rat dangling from my cellphone. It is my intention that he be protective. This intention makes it so. If you would like to purchase a Rat, Snake or Rooster, Sacred Currents is selling them for \$9.00 (+shipping) please email me at judith@sacredcurrents.com.

PS... Refer to [last year's Chinese New Year Newsletter](#), to find out how to raise the chi of your home or office for the New Year, with a wonderfully refreshing ritual using oranges.

Make the Most of your Opportunities in this Year of the Earth Ox



Whether for your home or business, a feng shui assessment will provide you with specific suggestions tailored to your needs and budget.

Through the end of January I am offering 20% off all consultations in Celebration of the Year of the Ox.

Make sure your environment supports the things that you're looking to change, in your finances, relationships and/or health.

Consider a space clearing and blessing ritual for your home or office - it will brighten the environment in a way that no amount of cleaning can do and contributes greatly to the effectiveness of feng shui adjustments.

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Deep Wisdom



The lunar New Year begins on January 26, 2009. Many cultures follow a lunar calendar. The Chinese, are celebrating the year 4706, the Year of the Earth Ox. I think the Ox is the perfect metaphor (probably not a coincidence but written in the stars) for what this year holds for us individually and collectively. A year of hard work, tilling and nurturing the ground for future growth, is what seems to be called for.

We are in the winter season, a time of little apparent growth in nature. Winter is associated with the element 'water' in feng shui which symbolizes deep wisdom. It is this wisdom that is needed in our world now. So let us celebrate that winter has much to offer if we see it in the correct perspective.

May the year of the Earth Rat shine brightly and lovingly on you.

'Gung Hey Fat Choy'
(Wishing You Prosperity)
Judith Wendell

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