

2017 – THE CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE ROOSTER OF SOLITUDE



Spread your wings and fan the flames of your heart's desiring! There is a lone Red Rooster on the horizon, and he is calling us to rise, stand up and be heard! As we say farewell to the year of our favorite Fire Monkey and say hello to our fabulous Fire Rooster, we might well wonder what the fates have in store for us, given the year that was 2016. It was a year that many of us will gladly put behind us, but yet others will welcome for the change that it has heralded. So, there is full plate of delicacies to sample in the coming year and financial messes to sort out, at home and in the nation, no matter where we live.

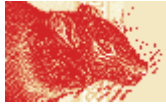
Roosters are known for their ability in presentation, and a showman has just been elected as President of the US. It is anyone's guess what he will do, but one thing is certain wherever we find ourselves:

Finances will be at the forefront of discussions, reputations will be made or broken, words will be put to the test of actions and passions will be running very high on all sides throughout the year!

The Rooster is the great presenter of the Chinese zodiac. Flashy and irascible, forceful and polished in debate or performance, Roosters are the perfect front-person for any group or organization. But this Rooster is a little different from his other brother Roosters – he doesn't suffer yes-men or gossips and he keeps to his own counsel. However, this Rooster needs good advisors from wide and diverse sectors. He needs a devil's advocate outside of his inner circle, or the devil in the detail will be used by his inner circle to force him into some sort of flaming folly. Roosters usually rise to the top of their game, but leadership can be a difficult role. It's lonely at the top, you know? For this year, though, it is time to put all the cards on the table, to see what kind of hand fate has dealt us, and to move forward with determination, pride and confidence. This is no time to be chicken! Time is of the essence and it is a perfect opportunity to roll up our sleeves and renew your efforts toward that dream we want to see come true. If we motivate ourselves, there is nothing outside our grasp! *Malvin Artley, Astrologer*

HOW YOUR SIGN WILL FARE IN 2017

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



Rat: This will be a challenging year for you, full of intrigue, but at the same time, disputing your common narrative. You are going to have to adjust your story if you want to keep pace with a world that will be in turmoil and changing rapidly. For success this year, sidle up to an Ox and listen carefully, for this will be a person with whom your ideas will find fulfillment this year. The Rat and the Rooster are not normally *simpatico*, but that is not to say you will not find plenty to occupy your very active mind, Restive Rat. Now, if you are a Red Rat (1924, 1984) the situation is changed, and you are able to bring real fire to your desires, especially if you can form a team with Snakes, Oxen or Pigs, all of with whom you are very compatible. Rouse yourself, Rat! Time's a wastin' and your ship is going out to sea. Sail on the waves of this year and you may find yourself in faraway exotic places – maybe not what you had originally expected, but certainly in fascinating and richer circumstances!



Ox: Ostentatious Ox – if we can call you that – the fates have conspired to present you with a golden opportunity this year! Perhaps we should call you instead “Opportunistic Ox”, because the Rooster is a natural foil for you. If you can hook your cart to this year and move forward with financial plans, the next years will see you in a very good place, financially and security-wise. The Rooster, Ox and Snake are the natural financiers of the Chinese zodiac, and if you can make a team with the other two signs, success is virtually guaranteed for you. There is nothing to hold you back this year. Throw off your natural tendency, Overcautious Ox, and seize the chance before you. Fortune smiles on you and your ken, but the world will not wait for you to arise. Charge ahead, and you may just find that this Rooster is guarding a golden egg for you!



Tiger: Feeling a little tepid, Tiger? This past year has not gone quite the way you expected? Or maybe you were the one who engineered the upsets we saw on the world stage! Yes, we thought so. You got your friend the Dog elected as President in the US, didn't you? Bully for you, Tenacious Tiger! We'll bet you're a Red Tiger, too (1974). If you are one of the other 'colors' of Tiger, fear not, for your year is coming, the next after this one. Because when the Dog Year rolls around, you will be out in full force. Dogs and Horses are you best friends. But because you are so good behind the scenes, you can use this year to great advantage. This year is neither fab nor bad for you, but you can use it to good advantage, as a result. Parlay with a Pig, dally with a Dog, and make hay with a Horse. In doing so, you will set yourself up very nicely for the year of the Yellow Dog (2018). Don't lay around, Timely Tiger. You have too many plans to put in place for this year to slip by unnoticed by you. Rise and shine and be ready to claim your prize!



Rabbit: Feel like crawling back into your burrow for a rest, Rabbit? After this past year, we can well imagine that you are feeling a little worse for wear. The future is not always a done deal, is it, Reflective Rabbit? Never mind. Your money year is coming up after this Year of the Rooster, and there is much you can do to prepare. Maybe extend your burrow to the pasture where your favorite Sheep are grazing. They will have plenty of good advice and ideas to share. Oh, but this is no time to feel wounded or upset by what has happened. You can be quite the fighter for social justice, Ructious Rabbit! And there is a world out there that needs your services, now more than ever. Partner with a Pig, declare with a Dog, obfuscate the opposition with an Ox, or learn how to be sly from a Snake. This year could turn out to be quite a bit of fun or even better, be a great motivation to action for you, Radical Rabbit. You do have that radical side to you, you know? It's time to realize your more dynamic side, Resolute Rabbit! Rise up and be counted!



Dragon: You had a pretty good year, didn't you, Dashing Dragon? You put on quite a show this past year, and now you bask in the sunshine of our love. Or maybe not... Not everyone was happy with what you put on display, Dragon. But this year there is still ample opportunity for you to take the stage and dazzle us yet again, Fabulous Fire-breather. Roosters appreciate your theatrical gifts, as much as Monkeys marvel at your adventurous techno displays. We know you had good intentions behind your surprising showmanship, but this year it is time to walk your talk and smooth over the ruffled sensibilities of the less adventurous. Don't cause us to think you dubious, Dragon! You have given us a surprise this past year. Now show us that it will turn out to be a good one, or the Year of the Dog next year may well turn around and bite you on the tail! Use this year to present your best and to polish your skill and reputation, and in the years that follow you will be well-remembered as the Dragon who breathed the fire of life into the sleeping masses and shook up the status quo!



Snake: Sagacious Snake, you are oh-so-good at telling the signs of the times. You tried to tell us what would happen in the past year, but people thought you were crazy. They aren't laughing now, are they? How did you know? What tipped you off, Shrewd Serpent? Well, no matter – we are listening now! And this is your year to really shine! The Rooster is your best friend in many ways, and the two of you enjoy a great symbiosis, Snake. You can move mountains this year, teamed with your friend. The Rabbit could use your help and may prove to be a very able ally. If you hitch your team with an Ox, the world is yours this year, as the two of you with the Rooster are the financial powerhouse. Interested in a little money Snake? Probably quite a lot, we would imagine! And this is your year to roll it in. But we also need for you to tell us what is going on behind the scenes, Secretive Serpent. Rally with Rat and let us know all the goss. We await with bended ear! Oh, but there are so many secrets to be told, and we know you have them all. Don't be a stranger. Take time away from the account books which you love so well, and shower us with your salient wisdom!



Horse: Hopeful Horse, this past year has presented some unexpected situations, has it not? We can feel your growing frustration with the way things have been, and if you can stand it, the year after this one will give you free rein on your plans. However, for this year, do not give in to frustration, Edgy Equine. Seek out Dogs and Tigers and go work out your tensions on the playing field or in the gym. Set your hands to projects at home. Give guidance to those who are more advantaged by this year. You are the best at planning, especially you Marvelous Mares! And therein is your key for this year: Plan big for the future, and begin now. This is no time to sit around and chomp at the bit in your mouth. Get active, move the energy, and in the year to come no one will be able to hold you back!



Sheep: You get along with so many people, Sympathetic Sheep. You are truly the great ambassador of the Chinese zodiac. And we need your ambassadorial abilities especially for this year. There are fences to mend, others to be broken down, rivers to cross and parties to be brought to the table. But this is no year to play yes-man. Your flock needs advice from wide and various sources, Hobnobbing Herdmeister. You are uniquely suited to the task. We also need your strong opinions, for which you will need to stand up and be heard. This is not a year for shrinking violets, and united there is much that can be brought to pass. So, be of good courage and muster your best communication skills, sagacious one. Your community and the world needs you. Dragons and Snakes can lend subtlety and daring to your words and presentations. Pigs and Rabbits will be able to add the common touch and remind us of the stories that unite us. And there is a Horse that needs your balancing yin, Steady Sheep. Lead on, and we will gladly follow!



Monkey: Well, you always did like to play around and fiddle with things, didn't you, Meddlesome Monkey. Oh, but you say you were addressing more serious concerns this past year? OK, fair enough. But what are we going to do with the quandary you have left us, Stealthy Simian? Tell us what you had in mind and we will see if there is merit to what you have brought about. Where is our opportunity? Ah yes, you are the one who is able to see the probabilities in every situation. Being the technician extraordinaire that you are, you engineered these situations so that we could see a better way forward, didn't you, Resourceful Rascal! So be it. This year is your complement, so get that Rooster friend of yours to let us in on the secrets behind your successes this past year and show us more of the way forward. This year will work especially well for you if you relay to a Rat, pronounce plans to a Pig and capture a Capon's attention. We need them to make sense of what you have brought about. But don't stop with your machinations, Monkey. We know you still have much to show us this year, and we can't wait to see what you have next in store!



Rooster: This is your year for flights of fancy, Red Rooster! We know you like your solitude, but this is your year to crow! Let us hear your call in all its splendor! Your brother the Monkey has left us with conundrums and a few little things to work out in our lives. We hope you are not holed-up with sycophants, Cagey Cockerel. You need advice from far and wide if you are to make a real go of this year. If you can obtain options from an Ox and selections from a Snake you will go far this year. Dragons will give you something really ostentatious to broadcast to a waiting world. Finances, big projects, public speaking and *amore* are all on the table this year for you. Could you ask for more? But you need to come out from the roost, go to the rooftops and sound the call to action for all. There is world that needs to be roused, and you are the one to deliver the message. Get your plumage in impeccable order and display to us your best!



Dog: Come out from your house, Dosing Dog. This year the sun shines, the flowers are blooming and there is a world to explore. You are compatible with Roosters, and this one has a few adventures in store for you! That Monkey has left all sorts of curiosities for you to put your nose to and sniff out. And, you can have great adventures if you team up with a Tiger and hobnob with a Horse. It will be your year next year, too, so there is no reason to dream the days away, Daring Dog. Get out in the thick of things see what is on offer. You are the loyal friend to many, and we all welcome your company in the coming year, except maybe for Dragons and Oxen. But even they will benefit. Plenty of physical activity is the ticket for you this year, as well as talking to as many people as possible. You may want to consult the oracle of that elusive Rabbit this year. He has a few secrets to tell you, and he is none-too-pleased with the Rooster. But then, you are loved by all, Captivating Canine. See what presents itself to you through ranging far and wide this year, and you may just find yourself in a very good place in the year to come!



Pig: Pensive Pig, what a year it has been! That Monkey friend of yours took your advice and played the field well. Now is your time to see what is laid out before you and make your plans steadily for the future. But there is also a lot you can do now. There are markets to be explored, groups to interface with, family to look after and matters of security to address. We have entered an uncertain year, but you are the best one to take care of people's security. It is your forte, Protective Pig. And there are leaders who need your advice. No one knows the archives as well as you, and we need your expertise on historical precedents. Rats, Rabbits, Sheep, Tigers and Monkeys all look to you for guidance. In fact, what is not to love about you, Peaceable Porcine? Look for the silver lining, and this year can turn out to be golden for you. Build for the future now, and in the coming years the world will be your oyster!

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 Wood Year, for example (1984/5, 1974/5, 1964/5, etc.) then this year will feed you, meaning you should feel bolstered or stimulated by events this year. Wood feeds Fire.