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The Chinese Year of the Goat/Sheep (1 February 2003)

The Chinese sign of the goat symbolises a peaceful existence. People born under this sign have a placid nature and are generally good at making the peace by defusing arguments and smoothing over troubled waters. Therefore, the year ahead is one which brings a period of reconciliation when long-standing differences can be resolved, resentments forgotten and enmities put aside – at least temporarily. Given the passive nature of the sign of the goat, it will be a year when most people will want to avoid or even be actively opposed to fighting or warring.

Goat people are followers rather than leaders, and sometimes a little predictable. They possess a strong urge to belong, preferring to belong to a group where decisions are made on a democratic basis.

This is not a year to make sweeping changes, especially not in business or politics, and although we can expect some set-backs, it will not be a surprising year - mostly filled with events that would be expected.

Goat people sometimes need guidance but may see well-meaning friendly advice as interference. So don't be surprised if people's behaviour this year is one of resistance to assistance, which, although appearing to be a sign of independence, is really only a dislike of direction from others. Flattery, charm and appreciation will go a long way this year.

The goat sign is seen as the provider, particularly of the basic necessities required for survival. Those who are wise will be prepared for harder times ahead. It may be advisable to work hard to keep the status quo and to postpone large-scale projects for the time-being. Those who are hard working can expect to reap the rewards of efforts made over previous years.

Goat people possess gentle and compliant characteristics, and because this sign is a feminine, caring sign, the year of the goat is an excellent time for all matters concerning women's interests, their health and their well-being, and this includes the caring professions and any protective activities. As the goat is a pastoral creature, this is also a good time for outdoor activities and pursuits.

People who belong to the sign of the goat excel in artistic fields. They would be wise to pursue an interest or career in the arts, music, poetry, and so on, and in those arts that call for quiet meditation, resulting in a sense of great satisfaction, achievement and inner

fulfilment for them.

In fact, we would all be advised to make this year a time for taking up or nurturing a creative or self-fulfilling interest – nothing too difficult or serious, and, who knows, you may even find that your new found fun will help to expand your social life in the process!

There are also busy social times ahead, because goat people love the company of others and indeed they are at their most charming in company, particularly as a host or hostess of a party or function.

The many invitations being issued to functions this year will mainly relate to art galleries, fashion shows, craft exhibitions, concerts and theatre, films and photography, culinary delights and homes/interiors, all of which will probably be better than ever (whimsical charm, good old fashioned glamour and artistry and beauty will be the order of the day) and these events may even receive better media coverage than usual. The spotlight will fall on those people or businesses with a connection to activities of this sort.

One of the many talents and enviable gifts possessed by goat people is the ability to beautifully present food, decorate their homes or dress themselves, all with imagination, flair and panache.

This is a year of appreciation for culture and the beautiful things in life, a year of the senses, and of comforts and luxury, as well as fun, frivolity and enjoyment!

How Your Sign Will Fare in the Year Ahead

The Rat

With the problems of last year now resolved, at last you can start to re-climb the ladder, and could, with success, devote your spare time to art this year. Practice patience as matters may proceed too slowly for your ambitions.

The Ox/Buffalo

Although finances may be sound, watch out for obstacles and difficulties ahead – you should guard against being sulky! Build up your strength and confidence and you will be able to cope. Romance is in the air, but beware there is jealousy too.

The Tiger

Any benefits this year may not be immediately

competition. A good year to take your chances and go on a world trip!

The Cat/Hare/Rabbit

An excellent year and prospects for romance are ideal. Any minor disappointments can't threaten your peace and quiet, so contentment will reign. You'll be happy at home and at work, and your career prospects could improve enormously.

The Dragon

Try to take the opportunity to stand back from it all this year. Watch finances carefully and be prepared for snags and hold-ups, but even though delays are inevitable, the end result will justify the care taken.

The Snake

A great improvement on last year. Although your tolerance levels may be put to the test, progress will be made at last. Artistic pursuits will bring rewards. As your romantic prospects improve, why not involve yourself in a series of amorous adventures?

The Horse

A major improvement in your circumstances occurred over the previous Chinese year, and a degree of improvement will continue for you this year - if you concentrate on your goals. For those contemplating marriage the signs are most favourable so long as you already have a partner. It is also a year of good health.

The Goat/Sheep

Everything is lovely for you this year! All matters concerning your health and well-being are highlighted. You will be noticed by others and you will see a bright future ahead. Take advantage of this by being clear about your immediate goals and grab any opportunities coming your way – then success could be imminent.

The Monkey

Although there may be some difficulties and personal entanglements ahead that may stand in your way, this is an entertaining time for you. Busy yourself with plotting and planning the year ahead, and try to keep social and romantic affairs separate from business matters.

The Rooster/Chicken

Take care to pay attention and be alert this year so as not to miss out on anything. There are plenty of rewards ahead, particularly for career women, and male roosters will be pleased with their success with women!

The Dog

Old and trusted friends are the best. Work on relationships and be patient as your mood is low this year. There may be some problems with family and your social life, and career prospects may be temporarily thwarted.

The Pig/Boar

There is great happiness at home and your personal success will be matched by those of your loved ones. You are filled with hope and a wish brings you considerable satisfaction. You are not interested in

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apparent, and life may lack the excitement of

anything that is not relevant or important to you. All will go well for you - and even better romantically.

Happy New Year!

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