



Feng Shui—

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2016: The Year of the Fire Monkey!

We have an exciting New Year ahead of us—the *Year of the Fire Monkey!* Be prepared, for anything can happen! This new year, beginning February 8, 2016, is a year of inventiveness and ingenuity, and those with agile minds and sheer bravado will be the winners.

In the *Chinese Lunar Zodiac*, the monkey is the genius of the impossible—highly intelligent and strong willed. This could be both positive and negative for 2016.

This genius can also be opportunistic and not completely trustworthy, so base your decisions on fact, not emotion.

It is the inventive, smart, problem solvers that will flourish and prosper this year. Rather than depending on the group, the highest accomplishments will manifest through individual effort and striving. This is a great time for courageous action, new ideas and plans. Beware though, as tricksters abound. Ideas and situations that no longer work can be toppled and replaced with creative and innovative new ways of accomplishing things. Run with the wind and expect lots of changes!

With all the wild mental energy around, this is a great time to begin a regular, physical routine to maintain balance. By honoring your body and burning off the stress that this year could bring, you will be happier and healthier!

This will be a year of dealing with finances and financial events. This should be an optimistic year, but there is still a presence of insecurity. On December 16, 2015, the FED raised interest rates by .25%, the first rise in rates in almost 10 years. It will be interesting to see how this progresses and when the next rate hike will be. Those who have a good business mind and rely on their own effort should prosper. Placing trust in *groupthink* will be highly disappointing. Break free and follow your

heart's desire; the universe will support you!

If you can hang on for the crazy ride and rely on your own good instincts, you should be able to avoid the cheaters and snake-oil sales folks and come out smiling! ■

Happy New Year!

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