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Year of the Earth Pig



A very Happy New Year to you, and welcome to a new beginning that is promising to be anything but “boaring”! The Year of the Earth Pig—also known as the boar in Chinese astrology—commences on February 5, 2019, and marks the initiation of a cycle with much potential for healing and spirituality for those who desire to immerse themselves in the good *qi* of this year.

The Year of the Pig is the culmination of the 12-year rotation of the Chinese zodiac, bringing an opportunity to ponder and review the accomplishments and defeats of the last 11 years to prepare for the new zodiac rotation in 2020. It is a year of reflection and renewal and can bring a relief from past burdens and a welcome lightness to our hearts and minds. It is important though, to always be alert to those energies that would steal our *qi*, whether an individual or an idea that is not beneficial in the long run.

The energy of each element has a *yin* or *yang* polarity and the earth of this Pig year is *yin*, bringing positive *qi* to those who will receive it and use it wisely. *Qi* can be used for much good, or it can be misused. *Yin* earth represents nutritious, moist soil, which is needed to grow healthy, robust plants. The qualities of *yin* earth are forgiveness, courtesy, and a calm spirit. But too much water and the dirt becomes mud; those who wallow will become dirty and soaked, weighed down and limp, giving way to envy, stubbornness and deceit. A *yin* earth is also a flatland that is too low, which receives more water. On low earth you cannot see far away—representing a lack of vision and prudence.

The *yin* quality of this year can also signal secret

and silent plans for subterfuge and forging of destructive alliances. New political figures and ideas will come forth; these can bring either positive, creative ideas, or divisive and destructive ideology that will be spread to the masses. It can go either way; whatever society chooses will profoundly affect the next 12 years on an international scale. Fidel Castro came to power and the Dalai

Lama (also born in a pig year, 1935) was forced to flee Tibet in a pig year, 1959. In 1947, the CIA was established and the Cold War begun. As in any year, Pig Years have great potential for good or evil.

Jules Verne, Elon Musk, Hillary Clinton, Thomas Jefferson, King Henry VIII, and Edward Snowden were all born in the Year of the Pig. Individuals who will rise up and be courageous and self-sacrificing can lead the way to prosperity and freedom for their communities and nations.

Fortunately, in 2019, a great stirring of the heart through love and abundance is the prevailing energy. A softening of the heart will allow us to forgive much more easily. Joy and benevolence will make this a great year for you—if you choose! ■

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