



# 2022— Year of the Water Tiger

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As our new year begins, we have another celebration—the Chinese Lunar New Year. This is honored and celebrated each year on the new moon of the first lunar month. And what a celebration it is!

This is a time of cleaning out the old and welcoming the new. In the days preceding the New Year, houses are thoroughly cleaned. Both physical dirt and the poor luck of the past year are cleared away to welcome the newly arrived good luck. Of course, all the brooms are put away before New Year's Day so that the great fortune that is come cannot be swept away. Families will then begin their celebrations with a huge dinner and reunion; many in new clothes and shoes, symbolizing the new start. Of course, any new haircuts will be had before the new year (but after winter solstice) as the word for hair sounds like the word for prosperity.

**Welcome to the Year of the Water Tiger, February 1, 2022!** The great tiger is revered for its appetite to do everything on a massive scale, willingly and grandly. His strength, power, and derring do have earned him the accolade, King of Beasts (in Chinese culture, that is)! Tigers are associated with male, yang energy (for both men and women) and are independent, born leaders, whether for good or ill. Some Tigers you may be familiar with are: Joseph Stalin, Karl Marx, Ayatollah Khomeini, Queen Elizabeth II, Mahatma Gandhi, Beethoven, Lady Gaga, Marilyn Monroe, Tom Cruise, David Attenborough, Hedy Lamarr, and many others who have made their mark.

What will this 2022 year of the Water Tiger bring? Tigers tend to anger easily, and combined with his emotional impetuousness, do not be surprised at explosive events personally and on a global scale. According to Susan Levitt, author of *Taoist Astrology: A Handbook of the Authentic Chinese Tradition*, "Tempers flare, drama and excitement (can) reign..." in Tiger years. With the added catalyst of the water element, emotions

can run high and, if that water is not contained and controlled with love, havoc will be wrought.

The good news? Tigers and Tiger years also embody courage in the face of pain and adversity, and can lead through great hardship to the other side. Having the courage to stand for what is true

and right always reaps great benefit in the end. Adaptability can also see you through personally and on a world scale. Being flexible always serves one well, and this year is a great time to keep that in mind. Much good fortune to you in this productive, happy, and prosperous New Year! ■

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