



# The Feng Shui for the 2024 Chinese New Year



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The Chinese New Year for 2024 is celebrated on February 10th this cycle, the first lunar month of the year. Welcome to the Year of the Emerald Wood Dragon!

The Dragon is a much revered astrological sign and promises to bring some excitement to 2024. We can look forward to opportunities for a year of inner growth and change—a transformation, if you will. Success and prosperity will flow if you allow yourself to receive it. Open the doors of your heart and mind to the flow of abundance and make it so!

The Dragon is a *yang* creature—no surprise when you “breathe fire”! Combine that with the wood element that nourishes and feeds fire, and you have the combination of a driven force of creativity and vivacity that can do no less than bring success to any endeavor. The synergy of wood and fire makes those born in the Year of the Wood Dragon full of zeal and ardor. They have aspirations of changing the world and easily come up with innovative ideas and get them implemented. They are sticklers for perfection and keep their goals at the forefront. Care must be exercised though, as too much fire can consume all that you are trying to accomplish. And the fire coming out of the dragon’s mouth can be misused to the detriment of one or the many.

There is a Wood Dragon every sixty years and some notable events have occurred in those years. The most recent, 1964, saw the signing of the Civil Rights Act, an historic moment in US history. This was also the year that those mop-headed boys from England—the Beatles—took America by storm and changed teen music forever. This was also the year of China’s first nuclear test, known as Project 596, a globally-changing event. And Russia (the Soviet Union at the time) launched Voskhod 1, the first human space flight having more than one

crewman and without the use of space suits, into Earth’s orbit. This was a turning point in the space race and set the mark for deeper space exploration.

The Wood Dragon will be very benevolent to the following animal signs this year. First on the list is the Monkey, which I’m thrilled about, as I’m a Monkey! Next in positive order is the Rat and the Rooster, and then in line is the Snake, the Dragon, and the Pig. And, of course, there are also six animals that have to try a little harder to reap the benevolence of this year. The positive aspects of the Wood Dragon can be theirs as well, but it won’t be handed to them on a “silver platter” as with us Monkeys! So all you Oxes, Rabbits, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Dogs—you will have to put in more effort, but it will be well worth it to reap the benefits of this Wood Dragon. All of the 12 animals can harness the positive *qi* of the Winter Solstice (December 21) prior to the New Year to welcome the Dragon, and fully reap it’s benefits to our mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health and abundance. It is worth the effort! ■



## A Very Happy Dragon New Year to All!

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