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Year of the Fire Horse!

Looking forward to an exciting and fortuitous New Year? I am! The Chinese Lunar New Year for 2026 is celebrated on February 17th this year, which is the first day of the new moon in the first lunar month. Also known as the Spring Festival, the New Year is an extended holiday in China—their biggest celebration. It will be happily honored for 15 days, through the March 2nd dinner on the Eve of the Lantern Festival, which brings home and highlights the reunion of families.

And, of course, the Lantern Festival itself on March 3rd is a vibrant, celebratory event marking the end of the New Year festivities. Check in your local area for Lantern Festival activities!

And the honored animal for this New Year is the Horse—a Fire Horse! Expect adventure! Expect action!

The Horse is an energetic animal, and you can fully anticipate that the fire element will bring a blazing passion and drive to what you hope to accomplish this year. Have you been desiring to break free of imitations, both self-imposed and otherwise? Now is the time to seize opportunity—no wishy-washy floundering for you! Act with determination and decisiveness. Of course, every choice you make must be tempered with the knowledge that a horse with fire can be impulsive, throwing caution to the wind, so carefully thought-out plans will help avoid errors in judgment and decisions made hastily. Trust your gut instincts, but also take accountability for the results of either inaction, or of action that is not thought through. The reward for this can be significant life transformation, that will bless you for years to come.

This year will benefit those who happily embrace change, and this new year promises to bring it constantly. Be proactive and take command of your life, your home, and all habits—positive or negative. Expand and reinforce those positive habits and utilize the dynamism and enthusiasm of the Fire Horse to finally vanquish those pesky, energy-draining, negative habits you've wanted to banish for years, but just never seemed to be able to, because you felt stuck in them. This is a time of new beginnings—embrace them!

Some notables born in the year of the Horse are Joe Biden, George Soros, Nelson Mandela, Vlad-imir Lenin, Neil Armstrong and Davy Crocket, as well as Al Sharpton, Nikita Khrushchev, Meri-wether Lewis, and Thomas Edison. Personal opinions aside, all of these individuals acted with decisiveness, determination, and passion to make their ambitious choices. ■

Much Good Fortune to You in this New Year.
If You Are Ready, You Are the Master!

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