

February 16th, 2018, enter the Year of the YANG EARTH DOG,

marked by the second new moon after the Winter Solstice.
Losar (Tibetan New Year) also begins February 16th this year.
Feb. 4th begins the Solar calendar new year.

*"The martial strains have summoned me
to hear your sorrows,
still your pain.
I am the protector of Justice.
Equality-my sole friend.
My vision is never blurred by cowardice,
My soul never chained.
Life without honor
Is life in vain."
I AM THE DOG." Theodora Lau.*



The Dog's greatest strength is unconditional love, loyalty and devotion to those he cares about the most. The Dog is a protective guardian of JUSTICE, with a keen sense of right and wrong. A humanitarian, the service-oriented Dog will sacrifice for the good of the collective and will fight for the world to be a better, more peaceful and just place. Fueled by a strong sense of purpose, the intelligent and disciplined Earth Dog offers us a practical approach to building our dreams.

Because each of us has different charts and because the five elements are in constant motion, Earth Dog will affect everyone differently. Nonetheless, there are general themes for the energies this year.

Elements of the Earth Dog Chart:

Double Earth: 2018 is Earth squared since the Dog is Earth in essence. Such solid earth energy can help us build a new foundation to bring more structure and order to our lives--if we focus on what we choose to build. Earth element is all about manifesting things in a tangible way, so this will be the year we can really start making steps to support our highest goals and to begin turning our dreams into reality. Earth is the most grounding and stabilizing element, but our challenge will be that it moves slowly when in excess. Methodically plan; put one foot in front of the other with discipline and determination; and have faith in the flow and timing of the Universe. These are the keys to working with the energies this year. Stubbornness can cause blockages. This year, magical or idealistic thinking alone will get us nowhere. Instead, practical thinking, down-to-earth attitudes, realistic approaches and effective action will likely bring fruitful results.

Getting clear on our true purpose, making a solid plan that is aligned with our soul's desire, then systematically putting that plan into real action = success.

Missing Metal element: Metal represents wealth and finances and thus, Dog years create unpredictability in finances. Your personal chart may moderate these effects, however, it is advised to be cautious and financially conservative. Avoid taking risks with new investments or property, especially in the first few months of the year. Although the Dog is known for being resourceful, any type of resources (finances, support) this year will need to be used with a creative mindset. Resources can get depleted.

For support, add yang METAL elements to home and office environments in the form of color, shape, image and material. A strong yang metal element is yellow gold jewelry – wear it this year. Truly realize that money is not the only measure of success, as we focus on building a strong and stable foundation. **The year will favor a hardworking determined and patient attitude. (Watch for impatience!)**

Overabundance of Wood element. Wood relates to authority and power. Issues with authority can manifest in many ways. The collective may be more acutely aware of power imbalances and take action to change them. Those in power might gain support in becoming more authoritarian. On a personal level, we should ask how to step into power in a healthier way: truly be the *author* of our lives. **It is not charm that will work this year, it's authentic honest power.**

2018 is ruled by the 9 Star of Fire. When in the central palace of the chart, this can portend disasters relating to water and fire such as earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, floods, road accidents, structure collapses, explosions, air disasters. Fire supports Earth in the element cycle, suggesting great support for women's causes, as well as for environmental causes. **Expect a significant upsurge in initiatives and ventures to benefit the environment. We can only hope!**

Earth Dog Characteristics and Themes

Earth Dog years are about **Service and Generosity** - to causes, the collective and individuals, including oneself. The Dog is a pack animal and will show solidarity, gathering allies and building support for causes relating to social justice. Expect to see support for the underdog: people standing up for those who can't defend themselves. Dogs bark loudly for equality and justice to prevail. Speak up; shine out! Tough fighters and survivors, Dogs have an uncanny ability to sense danger.



Success this year depends on the quality of communication

between people. Learn to reap a more substantial harvest by being selfless and generous. Listen more. Earth Dog brings forth challenging characteristics such as defensiveness, pessimism, criticism, worry, tempers, self-righteousness, obstinacy and quarrelsome behavior (Dog with a bone!). In the same way that characteristics of friendliness, loyalty, and service will be increased, so will the traits of attacking (biting), quarrelling, fighting, and rebelling when the situation is no longer tolerable.

Family and Relationships:

The Dog exemplifies family: family and relationships come to the fore to create more harmonious home environments. The Dog supports everyone who practices kindheartedness, and cultivates decency, goodness and humane treatment of others. Focus on universal brotherhood and kinship. We need to be generous in every way possible; be selfless in all actions; and maintain clear communication at the core to yield the finest results. Love heals all wounds.



“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself”.

Business, work life:

Good Dogs, those that are constructive and responsible in their work, are principled, moral, ethical and integral beings. This is a time for gathering forces as well as spiritual and material resources. Focus carefully; it is a year to build, strengthen and improve. We need to remove things and shift energy away from that which does not contribute to or support our focus. Making the shift toward simplification, consolidation and preparation will be advantageous this year. Deliberate very carefully the substantial changes and plans you may be considering before making a move. Avoid making impulsive decisions. It is imperative to complete any previous projects before embarking on new endeavors. The practical Dog has a gift for controlling chaos with a logical approach and commitment to order and fair play. Always strive to serve a greater purpose--it's a work-like-a-dog time.

Projects investing in the areas of recycling and renewable energy, (particularly solar), reducing pollution, and improving quality of life will likely be rewarded with increased revenues. As you move through the year, look for those involved in innovation and creativity, with artistic talents, writing abilities, and inventive skills to flourish. It is a good year to foster anything that brings beauty and pleasure to the world.



Health:

It's a *crucial* time for lifestyle changes and doing what it takes for our bodies, minds and spirits to stay in balance. Earth times 2 requires that to be a strong and healthy container, we need to deeply nurture ourselves. This will allow us to serve others and create powerful change. There is risk of burnout, stomach and digestive issues. The heavy Earth influence tends to make weight gain easier and weight loss harder. Periods of deep quiet and rest are essential this year. Committed to inner and outer peace, Dog is an introvert and deeply spiritual. Reexamine improving all areas of health and update accordingly: a nutritious diet, getting vigorous exercise, commitment to spiritual practices, revisit work and relationship habits and patterns. Just do it!

Global:

Although it's quite possible to feel this year's earthier stability on a personal level, I can't say this looks to be the case in the world arena. Expect more turbulence, global violent upheavals, intense turmoil and tensions. We may see national security issues or we could encounter strong and stubborn resistance from conservative parties who are faced with progressive change. Financially, an adjustment to the economy is likely, and major institutions could collapse. On the political front, watch for anger, despair, disagreement, and violence. Revolution is not out of the question in this tumultuous year, as we keep mindful of the fact we are working toward positive change.

The overarching themes of the year emphasize universal values of dialogue, solidarity and social awareness for the many rather than the few. As a result, anticipate the launch of new service initiatives for areas affected by drought, disease, famine and disasters. History shows that Dog years have brought remarkable advancements in space science and technology breakthroughs, along with the emergence of new authors and philosophers, poets, artists.

Numerology: In 2018, the universal energy is the master number 11, which has a high vibrational frequency, and a great potential for learning and growth, bringing major transformations. 11 is a number of intuition, of leadership, personal power and spiritual truths. 11 is asking us to be kind to one another, to be in service to something greater than us and to see ourselves from a vaster awareness. May we strive to work to the highest level of our purpose and to rise to that master consciousness of 11.

Navigational Tips and Reminders

- To assist in riding the big waves of change, hold these attributes and ideas in your awareness as daily reminders of the higher values of the energies available to us this year:

Authenticity, Purpose, Generosity, Service, Humanitarianism, Truth, Equality, Ethical, Devoted, Determined, Patience, Improvement, Structure, Completion, Commitment, Nourishment, Practicality, Communication, Listen, Grounded, Solidarity, Right Action.



- Cultivate good inner chi, do regular spiritual practices to build inner peace, stay grounded, make room for greater awareness, and connect to the truth of non-separation.
- Devote time to creative activity and artistic pursuits
- Nourish, nurture and move our body; give attention to home.
- Follow our heart, embrace positivity, devotion to our goals.
- Avoid arguments; forgive quickly. Love self, one another, and the Earth abundantly.

What is our deepest truth about our purpose of what we have to give?
Where will we put our attention to offer our highest talents for the good of all?
As we explore our own authentic gifts and resources, who do we need to become in order to offer something of value to others? How can we be of greatest service to ourselves, to others and the world?

Wishing you an outstanding Earth Dog year! May it be filled with purpose, peace and beauty.

All Blessings,

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