

Year of the Monkey forecasts

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The Rat

Things are looking rosy for Rats this year. After running through a maze of difficulties in the Years of the Sheep and Horse, Rats will see a vast improvement in fortune during the Monkey's reign. Carpe Diem!



■ **Metal Rat:** The year looks promising to form new and significant relationships and strengthen existing ones, Metal Rat. Start a new hobby, join a gym, or take a class to maximize this potential and enjoy going where it takes you!

■ **Water Rat:** Pay attention to your health, Water Rat, and don't neglect yourself in this exciting year. Staying physically and mentally active is crucial to a happy year. Yoga, meditation, and spending time with friends are good ways to keep stress levels in check.

■ **Wood Rat:** Your professional life will blossom, provided you stay alert to new opportunities and seize them as they arise. Someone in your circle of friends may be able to steer you in the right direction, provided you let them know your desires.

■ **Fire Rat:** Set your goals, Fire Rat, as this is the year to achieve them! Once you have decided where you want to go, start taking the steps needed to get there. Taking classes or specialized training or consulting with an expert may be a good place to start.

■ **Earth Rat:** After a couple of lean years, your fiscal fortunes are set to improve dramatically. Though it is tempting, unchecked spending will lead to disaster. Save some of your largess and make judicious and diversified investments to keep yourself in the black.

The Ox

The wild rollercoaster ride that was the Year of the Sheep is coming to an end, and the Year of the Monkey promises to be a much more sedate and smooth one, just the way you like it. The increased stability the year brings makes it a good one to make important life decisions, as your mind will be clear and undistracted.



■ **Metal Ox:** Dial back your desire to control the actions of others and your relationships will be much stronger for it. Listening with an open mind and compromise are the keys to a harmonious year.

■ **Water Ox:** While finances appear to be fairly stable this year, avoid gambling and risky ventures as they are likely to deplete your savings and put you on shaky ground. Living within your means and fiscal responsibility will preserve your hard-won money and lifestyle.

■ **Wood Ox:** All your efforts should pay off this year, Wood Ox, as those around you begin to take notice. Take advantage of opportunities that arise, but remember to maintain good relationships and don't burn any bridges, lest your good fortune go sour.

■ **Fire Ox:** The Year of the Monkey is looking good for you, Fire Ox! Take advantage by investing in yourself with training or education. Cultivating relationships with those in your chosen field will help you achieve your goals.

■ **Earth Ox:** Your diligence will lead you to success this year, but don't forget to take time off to recharge and nurture relationships with loved ones. Their support will enable you to go far.

The Tiger

2015 was a great year for Tigers, but difficulties lie ahead in the Year of the Monkey. Your hardworking and

determined nature will help see you through the tough times. Don't be afraid to rely on loved ones when needed; they have your back, as you have always had theirs.



■ **Metal Tiger:** Watch out for those whose actions don't match their friendly words, Metal Tiger. Recognizing and avoiding their machinations will put you at an advantage and lead to an improved outcome.

■ **Water Tiger:** The best way to ride out this year's troubles is through flexibility, Water Tiger. Trying new and creative solutions and switching strategies when needed are surefire ways to tackle seemingly insurmountable problems.

■ **Wood Tiger:** During this Year of the Monkey, it is best to ease up on frivolous spending and save your money for lean times. Use your discerning nature to suss out wise choices and be careful of well-meant but unsound advice.

■ **Fire Tiger:** Avoid getting swept up into the melodrama of friends. Becoming involved will only lead to heartache and rob you of valuable time. Instead, spend time with those who truly value your friendship.

■ **Earth Tiger:** Though the year may bring its share of troubles, you will discover who your true friends are. This valuable information and their support will guide you to improved fortunes.

The Rabbit

Fortunes may prove rough for Rabbit this year. Working hard and compromising will get you through the Year of the Monkey's difficulties. Consider forming alliances with those who have similar goals; there is strength in numbers.

■ **Metal Rabbit:** The year may prove disastrous financially, Metal Rabbit, if you are unable to control your spending. Hold off on extravagant purchases and make

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