



2024:

Year of the Blue-Green Dragon



*In the dance of dragons, wisdom and  
strength move as one.*

## The Year of the Blue-Green Dragon (Qīnglóng 青龍)

Gōngxǐ fācái (恭喜发财) - May you be happy and prosperous, is the common greeting during the Chinese New Year celebration.

February 9th marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year. The celebration centers around the lunar calendar and thus begins with the new moon on Friday for the time zones within the United States. For Central Time (where I am), this will occur at 4:59PM. You may add or subtract hours based on the particular time zone in which you reside.

The lunar calendar is associated with zodiac signs that repeat in a cycle of 12 years. On this new year we will be ending the year of the Black Rabbit (2023) and beginning the Year of the Blue-Green Dragon (Qīnglóng). The Dragon is the fifth zodiac in the 12-year cycle. This cycle is also associated with the philosophy of Wǔ Xíng (sometimes referred to as the Five Phases). The phases are Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water.

These also repeat but do so on cycles of five. When these two cycles overlap, it creates a larger cycle of repetition that occurs every 60 years. The color of the zodiac is associated with one of these phases. In this case, the phase is Wood, which is associated with the blue-green

color. It will be 60 years before this particular combination of phase and zodiac occurs again. For a comparison, the previous year, the Black Rabbit, references it as a Water year. Black is associated with the Water phase.

There is also a phase associated with the zodiac itself. These are fixed phases. The Dragon is associated with the Earth Phase. This lends the qualities of diligence, endurance, and loyalty to the Dragon.

The third consideration is that each of the zodiac signs are associated with a polarity which is defined as either Yin or Yang. These also alternate in a cycle, but they are fixed with specific zodiac animals.

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The polarity, the phase, and the zodiac all have attributes that may be associated with qualities of expectation for the year. This is also true of those born in specific years. What this implies is that each year will imprint its unique qualities onto the year and on individuals.





## Dragon (龍) Zodiac

The Dragon is an interesting zodiac sign, as it is the only sign that manifests as a mythical creature opposed to an animal. This creates a strange allure to the Dragon that many of the other zodiac signs do not possess. The Dragon is considered to be one of the luckiest of the zodiac signs. Conversely, it is considered to be one of the fiercest. This creates a dichotomy of fortune and tumult with regard to year predictions.

The Dragon is a symbol of power. Not only physical power, but social power; the power of authority. In addition, the Dragon is highly intelligent. Because of this, the Dragon is often a symbol of leadership. In the best case, the Dragon is an honorable and dignified leader, guiding others with natural courage and confidence. But the power that this creature possesses may also be levied in a way that is rash and violent. Additionally, the Dragon may appear overconfident and self-absorbed. In this case, the Dragon

does not cause overt harm, rather, the harm is due to pride and negligence.

Because of the power of the Dragon, it is believed that those born during Dragon years are bound for more fortune and therefore happiness. This leads to an increase in births (in China) during these years.

It is said that most people born in the Dragon year will have prosperity and good fortune throughout their lives, as well as an innate authority that provides the charisma to attract people of like mind into their circle.

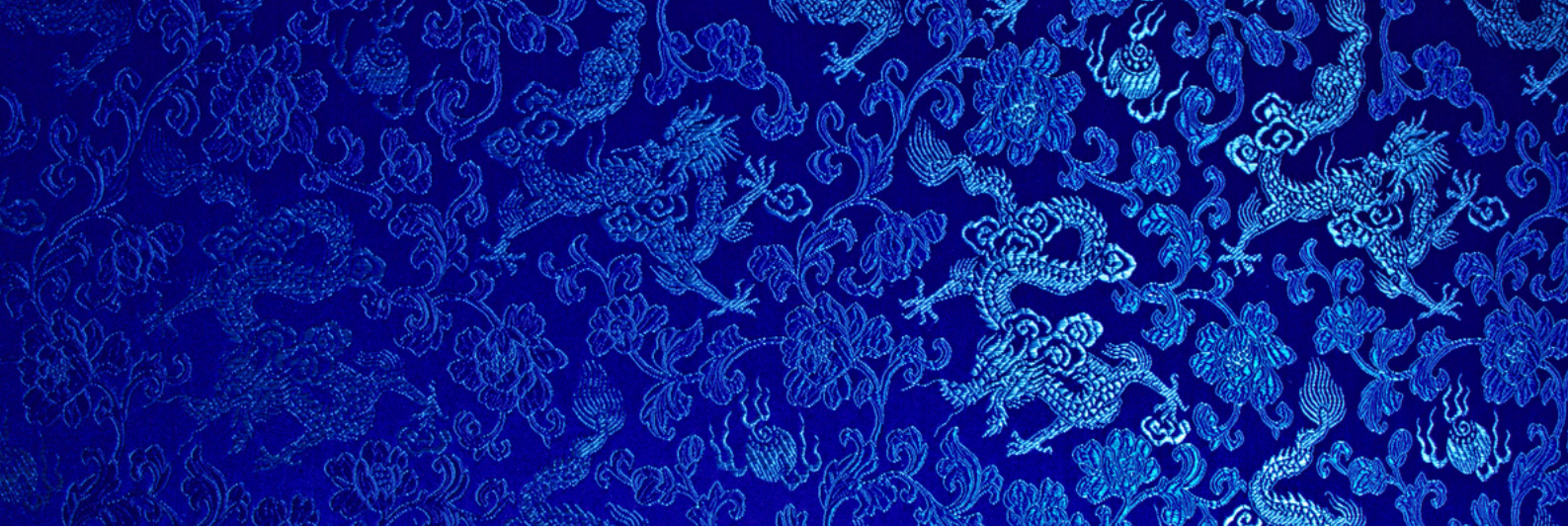
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## The Phases of Wood (木) and Earth (土)

The Wood phase is characterized by growth like the new growth of the springtime. Expansive movement is the direction in which this phase moves. This describes a year that influences and propagates new ideas and the rise and expansion of creative forces.







In addition to the five year cycle of the Five Phases, each of the zodiacs is associated with a resident phase. The Dragon is associated with the Earth phase. The Earth Phase represents harmonizing energies and integrates stability and diligence. Earth connects to all four of the other phases making it a central communicator. This lends itself to building bridges and forging new alliances.

Another note is that the Blue-Green Dragon, in Chinese culture is considered to be the guardian of the eastern direction and is associated with the spring season. All these things are connected with the Wood Phase and are tied to the symbology of upward rising (sunrise) and creativity (generation of new life during springtime).

The Blue-Green Dragon is one of four guardians that has a constellation associated with it. The others are the White Tiger (associated with the western direction), the Black Turtle (associated with the northern direction), and the Vermillion Bird (associated with the southern direction). In addition, the Blue-Green Dragon is known as one of the four dragon-kings and was venerated as the protector of the Eastern China Sea. These four dragons were depicted as having control over the weather and large bodies of water. This provides a connection to the veneration of dragons as protectors of seafarers.

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### **Polarity (太極)**

The polarity of the Dragon year is Yáng. Years that are Yáng in nature are associated with outward and expansive movement. This further encourages the expansion energy of the Wood Phase. These are years that lend themselves to expanding oneself in new directions, learning new skills, starting a new business or growing an existing one, changing your location either physically or emotionally. This is the time of adding and growing and is doubly so because it is also a Wood Year.



## Tài Suì (太岁)

The Tài Suì is traditionally thought of as the deity of the particular year. This deity rotates with every new year, thus there are 60 of them to follow the cycle of 60 years. Each Tài Suì provides a measure of fortune or misfortune to several of the zodiacs. If your birth year zodiac is the same as the current year you are considered to be in conflict with the Tài Suì and in the misfortune category. Most people think that their birth zodiac year is full of fortune. But, with few exceptions, the year that matches your zodiac year is one to be extra careful in because it incurs this conflict. The Tài Suì sets his office in one of the 8 directions - this year, he sits in the southeastern direction. If your zodiac offends the Tài Suì, it is good to avoid prolonged sessions of facing that direction.

Fear not, you are not alone if your birth year was a Dragon year. The other zodiacs that are said to be in conflict with the Tài Suì of this year are Ox, Rabbit, and Dog. These four zodiacs are more likely to suffer misfortune in 2024. There are remedies for this misfortune. The biggest one is to avoid attracting the attention of the Tài Suì. Another remedy is to wear the color red. This, is said, to ward off the angst of the Tài Suì and provide good fortune. Just because you may be in conflict with Tài Suì does not mean that you are ensured a year of misery. Rather, it just means that you should take extra care before leaping this year.

Conversely, there are several zodiac birth years that are in the favor of the Tài Suì this year. These include the Monkey, Pig, and Rooster zodiacs. If you were born during these years, you will have more ease with your endeavors this year.

One final note, if you are in conflict with Tài Suì during the upcoming year, one of the easiest remedies to counter the effects is to attend joyous celebrations. This attracts good luck! So, if you are invited to your distant relatives' weddings or birthdays, attend them. It will bring you good fortune.



## 2024 Prediction

The Dragon is confident and courageous making this year a good year to take on new challenges, minding the Tàì Suì influence. As mentioned above, it is a Yang year, so expansion is encouraged. If you have been waiting to do so, this may be the time to initiate outward and upward growth. Remember, though, not to spend too much time in the mentality of growth. Don't be too introspective, as this will be the tendency of the Wood influence. In the year of the Dragon, looking for others to help you along your journey (finding allies) is something that will greatly aid your endeavors. Remember the Dragon is a communicator. Associating with Monkey, Pig, and Rooster zodiacs this year will help gain the favor of the Tàì Suì.

The Blue-Green Dragon will usher in powerful changes throughout the year. Remember, though, nothing is set in stone. One of the best ways to counteract the potential for difficulty is to surround yourself with positive influence. Attend parties this year, remember to connect with family and friends. Meet people and develop new and exciting plans. Also remember that having a good astrological outlook for the year does not mean that you can just skate by. You have to be active in your pursuit of happiness, not an observer.

If care is taken, the Blue-Green Dragon will usher in evolution of self and personal improvement to those who do the work. It is a good time to lay the groundwork for long-term success.

On the following page I have included more specific zodiac predictions.



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**Rat:** The Dragon year will bring both good and bad, but overall will favor fortune. This is a good year to add to your knowledge. Rats should not aim for unrealistic goals this year to avoid pitfalls in career.

**Ox:** Beware of potential obstacles to your personal goals. Associate with your Rooster zodiac friends or make new ones. There is a relatively positive outlook for career this year. Look to gain recognition from someone influential, but work to avoid unnecessary conflict in your workplace.

**Tiger:** The Wood energy of 2024 will aid the Tigers, so long as they are cautious with speculative financial investments. Keep close with family in this year of the Dragon.

**Rabbit:** Take care to avoid relational conflict this year both in social and work circles. Stay close with your family this year to maintain stability during difficult times. Connect with your Pig zodiac friends and family.

**Dragon:** This year is doubly challenging as there are two conflicts with Tài Suì. Avoid financial risks during this year. Also, beware of gossip in your work and social circles. It will be easy for you to become embroiled in disputes during this year. Connect with Monkey zodiacs to avoid extra conflict. The best area for positive growth for Dragon is in personal relationships and health.

**Snake:** Year of the Dragon will encourage your growth in your career and spiritual endeavors. The Wood phase this year will compliment the snake so long as they can remain flexible with change.

**Horse:** Mixed bag of ups and downs for Horses. The growth and energy of the Wood Dragon will push you toward your goals, but take care not to over estimate your footing as you move through the year.

**Sheep:** Significant changes may be in store for the Sheep. Pursuit and exploration of personal goals is where the best fortune will be found. Caution in career and finance goals as the year will be a mixed bag.

**Monkey:** Because of a positive connection with the Tài Suì, Monkeys will have good career opportunities if they seize them immediately when they arise. This will bring good financial benefits. Take care to nourish your relationships, however.

**Rooster:** Career opportunities will arise, but you will have to work to achieve them. This will bring new financial benefits. Roosters in the Dragon year will see promising growth arise in their personal and romantic relationships.

**Dog:** Avoid risky financial endeavors during this year. It may be difficult to acquire help from influential people in your life so be prepared to move ahead on your own. This may not be the best time for career progression. Connect with Monkey, Rooster, or Pig Zodiacs to meet your goals.

**Pig:** Expect a good year with career advancement and personal relationships. Spend money with care to avoid financial hardship later in the year.