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Chinese Almanac for Each Day

## Special Notes on the Fortune in the Year of the Dragon

### 1. Triple Conflicts

This year, the Triple Conflicts fall in the **South**. It is most unlucky to have construction outside the house in the South or interior decoration work in the South grid of the house (a house is divided in 9 grids for Feng Shui purpose). Such works would bring poor health, sickness or injury to the family. You can resolve the external construction conflict with the 5-Element Setup (outlined in the coming sections). In case construction work or interior decoration is unavoidable in the South grid of your house this year, start from the Southwest or Southeast end first. Then work towards the centre of the South grid. You can minimize the conflicting energy this way.

### 2. Presiding god

This year, the presiding god lies in the **Southeast**. Again, construction work in this direction is considered unlucky as it brings arguments and health problems to the family. You can resolve with the same methods mentioned in the previous paragraph on Triple Conflicts. For any interior decoration works in the Southeast grid of the house, start from the South or East end first. Work towards the centre of the Southeast grid.

## 3. The direction in conflict with the presiding god

As the presiding god sits on the Southeast, the direction in conflict with Him would be in its direct opposite – the **Northwest**. And it is also not advisable to have construction work in that direction. If you have to get some construction done, start from either end of the grid and work towards the centre to minimize the conflicting energy.

### 4. Wu Huang 五黃

This year, the star of major sickness Wu Huang shows up in the **West** grid. If your main door, or kitchen, or bedroom falls in the West grid of your house, your family (especially male members) would be prone to respiratory problems (e.g. in the throat or trachea) and aching bones this year. The star also brings gastrointestinal ailments, though to a lesser extent. Again, it's not advisable to have construction work or interior decoration done in the direction of Wu Huang because such activities tend to agitate the star and boost its sick energy. If such work is unavoidable, start from either end of the West grid and work towards to the West to minimize the negative impacts.

**Main door in the West grid:** To resolve the sick energy, you can use a grey door mat and place a small piece of copper metal beneath it. If the sickness persists, you can put a conventional music box at the door and hang wind chimes at the inside of the door.

**Kitchen in the West grid:** Wu Huang coinciding with the kitchen causes the most troubles because Wu Huang is Earth while the kitchen is Fire in nature. As Fire generates Earth, the kitchen would worsen the sickness caused by Wu Huang. To resolve, put a conventional music box next to the stoves and hang wind chimes on the kitchen cabinet doors. Put a grey door mat at the kitchen door and place a piece of copper metal beneath it. You can also put more water in the kitchen to overcome the Fire energy.

**Bedroom in the West grid:** You can use the same method outlined in the above cases as remedy. You should also avoid interior decoration work in the West grid of the house this year because of Wu Huang's presence. But this does not apply to the apartment you newly move in, in which case interior decoration work won't undermine your health.

### 5. Er Hei 二黑

This year the star of minor sickness Er Hei falls in the **Southeast**. It brings abdominal and gastrointestinal problems to the female owner (or the owner's wife) especially and older women in the family. It also leads to respiratory ailments to lesser extents. You can resolve the conflict with the same method mentioned in the last section on Wu Huang. Once again, avoid any construction or interior decoration work in this direction as it boosts the negative energy of Er Hei. If you need to get some construction work done in this grid, start from either end of the Southeast grid and work towards the Southeast.

### 6. The Dragon is offending the presiding god

All Dragons are said to offend the presiding god this year. They are likely to be in bad mood and have poor human relationships. Those 12-year-old Dragons would feel restless and emotionally unstable. Those 24-year-old Dragons would face changes in romantic terms, and are likely to get injured and sick. Pay extra attention to your abdomen and digestive system. You're most susceptible to injuries and sickness in those body parts in Lunar March and Lunar September when you're advised to donate blood or get your teeth cleaned by a dentist to pre-empt such destined bloodshed. Feel free to go on a trip abroad in Lunar March to further resolve the bad luck. Those with Cold predisposition should go to the South or the East while those with Hot predisposition should go to the North or the West. Those with Neutral predisposition may go anywhere, but going North or West would complement your predisposition better. Besides donating blood or getting your teeth cleaned by a dentist, you may also deploy Feng Shui setup at home to pre-empt the sicknesses - just put a conventional music box in the West grid of your house. Those 36- and 48-yearold Dragons would feel depressed and restless. You'd think of the worst case scenario all the time. You should also travel in Lunar March to get yourself in better moods and donate blood or get your teeth cleaned by a dentist in Lunar September. Those 60-year-old Dragons should pay more attention to your health. If your lips look dull and dark, or you've lost all your front teeth, you're especially at risk. All those offending the presiding god would exprience more changes than usual, such as moving home or office, travelling, getting married, breaking up or giving birth to children etc. From Feng Shui point of view, one joyful event pre-empts three mishaps-to-be. Without any joyful event, you'd feel depressed.

## 7. The Dog is in conflicts with the presiding god

All Dogs are in conflicts with the presiding god this year. Conflicts imply movements and transformations. The Dogs are thus likely to experience changes in terms of romantic relationship, career and living environment. Such changes could be good or bad depending on your date and time of birth among other factors. Generally speaking, those with Cold predisposition are advised to act more aggressively; but for new venture, it's advisable to push back your plans till next year. On the other hand, those with Hot predisposition tend to benefit from a conservative approach. Try not to introduce changes actively. Those with Neutral predisposition are doing slightly better than last year, but your luck is not particularly good either. The presiding god this year is the Dragon of Earth nature, whereas the Dog is also of Earth nature. As the Earth energies fight with each other, the Dogs should pay attention to ailments related to your abdomen and digestive tract. You are especially susceptible to accidents and injuries in Lunar March and September when you're advised to donate blood or get your teeth cleaned by a dentist. You may also use a Feng Shui setup to dissipate the bad energy. Just put a conventional music box in the West grid of your house and play it from time to time to resolve.

### 8. The Dragon is "torturing" the presiding god

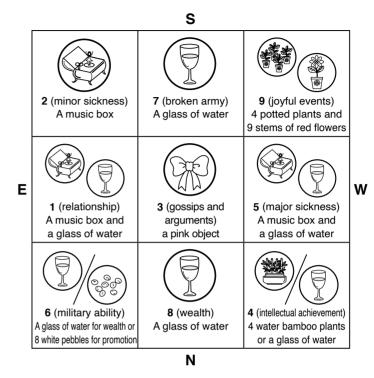
"Torturing" the presiding god brings gossips, arguments and poor human relationships. As the Dragons "torture" Him this year, they must be bothered by more gossips and fights

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## General Feng Shui Setups for the Year of the Dragon

Nine-grid	d flying star diagram of the year
The East	direction of relationship with Yi Bai一白 in
The Southeast	direction of minor sickness with Er Hei二黑 in
The South	direction of broken army with Qi Chi七赤 (the former star of wealth) in
The Southwest	direction of joyful events with Jiu Zi九紫 (the prospective star of wealth) in
The West	direction of major sickness and disaster with Wu Huang五黃 in
The Northwest	direction of intellectual achievement with Si Lu 四綠 in
The North	direction of wealth with Ba Bai八白 (the current star of wealth) in
The Northeast	direction of military ability and courage with Liu Bai六白 in
The Centre	direction of gossips and arguments with San Bi 三碧 in

General Setups for the whole year:



### The East

This is the direction of relationship because Yi Bai (1) takes up this grid. To boost your love luck and general human relations, put a glass of water here and a conventional music box next to it. Wind up the music box and play it from time to time to vibrate the water with sound waves. The luck of relationship is not only useful to single readers. Married readers who want to make more connections, or whose jobs entail frequent social interactions and interpersonal skills may boost your career luck by putting a glass of water in this grid (without the music box).

### The Southeast

This is the direction of minor sickness with Er Hei (2) taking up the spot. If the main door, kitchen or bedroom falls right in this grid, your family tends to get sick easily. The ailments would be mostly related to the respiratory

system (i.e. throat, trachea, and lungs) and the abdomen (i.e. gastrointestinal system). You can put a metal object that makes a sound (e.g. a conventional music box, wind chimes or a bunch of metal keys) in this grid of your house to resolve the respiratory problem. In case you suffer from diarrhoea or abdominal pain, put a red carpet here. Use either remedy at one time. Don't use both at the same time.

#### The South

This is where the star Qi Chi (7) shines on. It is a star that ruins your wealth luck and attract gossips. Thus, you should put a glass of water here to resolve.

### The Southwest

This is the direction of joyful events with Jiu Zi (9) here. If you have been in a stable relationship for some time but without a marriage plan yet, you can put 4 potted plants and surround them with 9 stems of red flowers in this direction to make it happen. Of course, boosting the energy in this direction also brings other joyful events. If you're married, putting plants and flowers here may bring you a baby. If you want a job promotion or salary raise, putting 4 potted plants in this grid helps too. But just skip the red flowers.

### The West

This is the direction of major sickness and disaster because of the presence of the highly unlucky star Wu Huang (5). It brings problems to your respiratory system and abdomen, such as your lungs, bones, throat, trachea, skin and gastrointestinal tract. If your main door, kitchen or bedroom falls right in this grid, or your bed is in this grid of your house, your symptoms are likely to be more serious. To resolve, put a conventional music box or wind chimes in this grid. You can also put other metal objects that make a sound here, such as several metal keys, but not just one key. Then put a glass of water next to the metal objects.

### The Northwest

This is where the luck of intellectual achievement is

located because Si Lu (4) shows up here. To boost such luck, you can grow 4 water bamboo plants in this grid of your house. Or simply putting a glass of water here would help too. Besides enhancing the luck among students, scholars and those pursuing further education, this direction also has positive effects on signing contracts or processing of documents.

### The North

The star of wealth Ba Bai (8) is here this year. Though its energy is fading, you might as well put a glass of water, grow water plants, or put a fish tank in this grid of your house to boost your luck of wealth.

### The Northeast

With Liu Bai (6) here, this is the direction of courage and military power and it brings luck to anyone having a non-clerical job. If you want a promotion, put 8 white stones in this grid of your house. If you want a salary raise, put a glass of water here. Those in disciplinary squads, rail maintenance workers, computer hardware technicians, interior decoration workers, and other technical workers would all benefit from this direction.

### The Centre Grid

This is the direction of quarrels and fights as San Bi (3) shows up here, and you can put a pink object in this grid of your home to resolve. If your job demands talking to strangers frequently, you don't need to resolve it.

	Note
Metal (music box) – you can use any metal object that makes sound to replace it, such as a copper bell, copp coins or some keys. Yet, do not use an electron music box.	
Earth (stone)	<ul> <li>anything made of stone or a natural rock</li> </ul>
Water (water)	<ul> <li>a glass of tap water (not distilled), a water plant, or a fish tank</li> </ul>
Wood (plant)	<ul> <li>any potted or water plant except cactus</li> </ul>
Fire (red object)	<ul> <li>any red object would do, such as a Laisee envelope, or New Year couplets</li> </ul>



Cold predisposition – those born after 8 August and before 6 March of the following year in Western calendar (i.e. after the Beginning of Autumn and before Jing Zhe 驚蟄 in Lunar calendar)

Hot predisposition - those born after 6 May and before 8 August in Western calendar (i.e. after the Beginning of Summer and before the Beginning of Autumn in Lunar calendar)

Neutral predisposition - those born after 6 March and before 6 May in Western calendar (i.e. after Jing Zhe 驚蟄 and before the Beginning of Summer in Lunar calendar)

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The Dragons harmed (or "poked") the presiding god in 2023. This year, they offend Him, meaning there are a whole lot more gossipers and backstabbers talking behind your back. Therefore, the Dragons are advised to control their emotions when dealing with people, and take a step back in

to undermine your lucks of wealth and career. You should also

brace yourself for even more gossips and disputes against

times of disagreement. Try not to get into fights with others simply because you are displeased. Otherwise, the negative impact of your offence against the presiding god may scale up

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In your year of offence, you tend to develop negative emotions. This is especially true for those 36-year-old Dragons, followed by their 48-year-old and 12-year-old counterparts. If you can afford the time, travel in Lunar March to take the edge off. Those with Neutral and Hot predisposition should travel west or north; those with Cold predisposition should go east or south. Hopefully, taking a trip would help alleviate your negative emotions and their impact. Those 24-year-old Dragons are most likely to experience changes in romantic terms, followed by those 36-year-old. Such changes can take the forms of getting married, breaking up or conceiving a baby. The Chinese believes one joyful event pre-empts three mishaps-to-be; without joyful event one feels sad and restless. Thus, if you're planning to get married or conceive a child this year, much of the negative impact of your offence can be alleviated. Finally, those 60-year-old Dragons are advised to schedule their body checks for early diagnosis of health issues. Your risk of having health problems is especially high if you have dark lips, missing front teeth, downward pointing mouth corners, or crooked teeth with gaps between them. All in all, all Dragons may feel free to donate blood or get your teeth cleaned by a dentist in Lunar March and September. That would help realise the predestined

This year, there aren't any lucky stars in your constellation. That means you have only yourself to rely on no matter what you do. Don't expect others to lend you a helping hand. When they do, things may get out of hand, and you're likely to blame them for failure.

"bloodshed" in your fate, while pre-empting any real injury.

On the down side, you have the unlucky stars of injury Jian Feng劍鋒 and Fu Shi伏尸 in your constellation. These two stars accompany the offending zodiac every year. That's why those offending the presiding god are likely to get injured and have metal cuts. About half of these incidents are caused by the stars. In Lunar March and September, you're advised to donate blood or get your teeth cleaned by a dentist to preempt any real injuries. Motorists should drive with utmost care in those two months, so as to avoid accidents.

The star of loneliness Hua Gai華蓋 tends to make the Dragons feel sad and miserable. However, it's also a star of artistic talent, so that it should be considered lucky for those engaged in creative or artistic activities.

The star Tai Sui太歲 is the same thing as offending the presiding god. I have explained its implications in the first few paragraphs.

San Xing三刑 means the Dragons are also "torturing" the presiding god in addition to offending Him. It's only natural that the Dragons are bothered by more gossips and arguments than usual in 2024. You're also advised to take good care of your digestive tract and eat a lighter diet.

Lastly, the unlucky stars such as Tun Xian吞陷 and Huang Fan黃旛 are not strong enough to harm you. So never mind.

This year, the Dragons have to work hard for money on their own, meaning those self-employed who get paid by the volume of work will benefit most directly. You're likely to usher in good wealth as the workload gets heavy. Entrepreneurs have more chances to get in touch with clients when you're busy and you're likely to make more money as a result. However, wage-earners aren't likely to have a salary review simply because the workload gets heavier. You will be busy at work, yet without being compensated howsoever. Besides, the Dragons are prone to gastrointestinal issues this year, and the heavy workload is just going to worsen your symptoms. Thus, make sure you get as much rest as you can after work. Relax and de-stress to strike a balance.

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**Cold predisposition** – The year 2024 is the only year with strong Water inclination throughout the streak of Wood-Fire dominance. The strong Water energy does you a disservice; you're advised to take it easy and slow down your pace this year. Take your time to review what you've achieved in the past two years and re-adjust your pace if necessary. If you haven't made much progress in 2022 and 2023, you can

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wait till 2025 before you make any big move. Your career is more likely to pick up and thrive then.

**Hot predisposition** – The Water energy gets extraordinarily strong in 2024 and it works to your advantage. This much-needed break from the streak of Wood-Fire dominance is like rain in a drought for those with Hot predisposition. For wage-earners who have been desperate for a job change in the past two years, this would be the only good year for you to make a change before 2028. Entrepreneurs and those self-employed are likely to achieve some progress in this year with strong Water trait. Or, at least, you can slow down the way your luck wanes.

**Neutral predisposition** – You're said to have stable luck all your lives without ups and downs. But still, your luck gets slightly better in years with Metal-Water dominance. This is the only year with strong Water inclination in the streak of Wood-Fire dominance. See if you can make some progress in due course.

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**Born in 1940** – You don't feel like working hard and you'd take it easy. You're not getting any younger, but still, you need to maintain a certain level of activity to stay healthy and slow down the degeneration of bodily functions. Although you don't feel like lifting a finger this year, try to push yourself a little. Get yourself out of the house and partake in some outdoor activities.

**Born in 1952** – You'd grab more power and climb the social ladder. But at your age, it's not likely that you'd get promoted in the workplace. On the other hand, entrepreneurs and those self-employed who are still actively running their business are still working hard well into your 70s. Those of you with Cold predisposition may be able to steer your career towards another peak in 2024.

**Born in 1964** – You have good luck of wealth. As people say, 60s is the new 40s and you're way too young to