

# Chinese and Western Combinations

## Taurus (Snake) Month

### Combination with Rat Year:

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**"Being"** Mars, Fire, Cardinal

**"Cultivator"** Yin-Negative Water

**Characteristics:** Boarheadedness, Honesty, Drive, Talent, Hesitation, Materialism, Voluptuousness, Culture, Domination, Scrupulousness, Credulity, Gourmandize, Gallantry, Willfulness, Wrath, Sincerity, Excess, Sanctimony, Affability, Enterprise, Naiveté, Courage, Ostentation, Heartiness



This combination does not want to be kings or queens who rule over people. What they want is dignity and respect. They enjoy being highly regarded. Perhaps it is the aura and presentation of power and control that they like, for there is no appearance of sentimentality about this combination. Taurus-Rats are tightly strung but powerful. The string on their bow is not likely to break because of this strength but it is tight. Implant a hyperactive Rat into the deliberate and strong Taurus and you have a marriage of energy and strength. The tight strings of this combination are not likely to break and as a result, there is a character that loves power. One does not read the minds of this combination because they maintain their poker face at all times. However, they are great at bluffing their way to winning hands because they have their strong will and mental focus. Added to this is another layer of shrewdness; viz., the ability to seem to be unaffected by things around them. There is a definite stoicism in their character. Taurus-Rats do not cry over sad movies nor get misty eyed over days gone by. Rats are tricky but are extremely appealing. Their power is a mental one in combination with shrewdness and a mask they always wear.

**Romance:** In this combination betrayal of any sort will not be tolerated. Caution is in order too, because Taurus-Rats are the jealous type and to a highly significant degree. To have a relationship with them means a long term and deep commitment to them and the family. They can put up with all sorts of foibles and missteps, but betrayal is not one of them. This combination is the Rock of Gibraltar type; at least that is what they aspire to be. A routine and secure life appeals to them, yet they are somewhat the sultry and erotic type. They do not mind the occasional flirtation; however loyalty is at the top of the list in terms of values held by the Taurus-Rat. A bit of fantasy is acceptable and this combination might engage in some of that too. But it is paramount to be reality bound in the long run.

**Relationships:** In this combination Horses are not good in general, but that is especially true of the Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius-Horses. Rabbits, especially Aquarius-

Rabbits are a poor choice. A very good romantic choice is the Pisces-Buffalo or Tiger. Also good are Cancer, Virgo or Capricorn-Monkeys and Boars.

**Family Life:** Most likely the Taurus-Rat is the family type and the center of the family and the center of the home rests in them. That is not to say that this combination is a homebody. They love their home, but they also love their work and it often takes them away. As might be expected, this combination is highly traditional in their views and in their environment. This is reflected in their decor at home and at work as well as what they read and their hobbies.

**Likelihood:** In this combination they are dedicated and responsible and like money. But they are willing to work for it. They have a mind like a mousetrap and remember everything including the smallest details. They consequently make excellent employees or bosses. This combination is the ultimate multitasked. Their clock is polychromic and they can do a dozen things at once and do them well. There is no perfect job for them because they are good at most things and great at the rest.

**Famous Taurus/Rats:** *William Shakespeare, Charlotte Bronte, Ayatollah Khomeini, Studs Terkel, Zubin Mehta, Charles Aznavour.*