

Twelve Chinese Animals

Dragon

Years: 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024, 2036, 2048, 2060, 2072, 2084

Dragon is Yang and Fifth Sign of the Chinese Horoscope.

Positive Traits: *Enthusiasm, Sentimentality, Strength, Pluck, Success, Good Health*

Short Comings: *Braggadocio, Rigidity, Volubility, Mistrust, Infatuation, Dissatisfaction*

It is strange that the other eleven animals in the Chinese Zodiac can be observed in nature or at least in the zoo or on The Nature Channel. This creature must be very special and Dragon people know that they are indeed very special. What a proud, self-assured personage is the Dragon. Just think of Tolkeins Dragon Smaug from his famous book, The Hobbit. The trouble is that the Dragons sometimes violent and tyrannical side can be Dragons downfall. Like the Tiger, Dragon is born with an innate authority and like the Tiger, Dragon can be brought down by authoritys double-edged sword. Authority, even inborn authority, must be used judicially. Dragon people can find an equal intelligence in match-ups with Monkey people or Rat People. In the West Dragons are generally seen to be evil worms bent on destruction and murder. In the East instead, Dragons are divine bearers of good fortune; they are fierce and steadfast guardians. Its not unusual to see Dragons wrapped around the pillars of a Kuan Yin chapel or temple. In Michael Endes fascinating book, "The Neverending Story" one of the protagonists is Falkor, a genial luck Dragon who devote's himself to the young hero Atreyu. Falkor lives those strong Dragon traits of enthusiasm, pluck and bravery. In the Chinese New Year parades the Dragon is the leader because he leaves a trail of wealth, virtue, harmony and long life. Lets join the parade. Dragons are natural show-offs and with good reason: they have a lot to show. And they are veritable energy sources. So much energy must be managed wisely to benefit Dragons magnificent body, challenging intellect, and soaring spirit. The Inner Smile and Six Healing Sounds prepare Dragon to circulate this formidable energy in the Micro and Macrocosmic Orbits. If you are at a large gathering youll spot the Dragon people right away by their elegance and flamboyance and splendor. Rat people, Boar people and Rabbit people are good partners for the fiery, passionate Dragon people. In China Dragon was a symbol for the all powerful emperor. What can really do a Dragon in is the predilection for bragging born out of a morbid and deep self-absorption. This vanity is a clear indication for Dragon people to take some distance and to make a huge leap and smile and laugh at the absurdity of such narcissistic self-admiration. The Dragon is a ready candidate for the Universal Healing Taos advanced practices of Kan and Li. In popular fantasy representations Dragons are known to inhabit dark, treasure laden caves deep in remote mountains. The Tao Garden in northern Thailand offers Darkroom Retreats led by Master Mantak Chia. In the days and weeks of total darkness and silence Dragon people can enrich body, mind and spirit with the Three True Treasures as revealed by Lao Tzus Tao Te Ching: compassion, frugality and humility. All is possible with these indisputably, wonderful, monarchs of the Chinese Zodiac.

