

# HOROSCOPES FOR 2016

## *THE YEAR OF THE FIRE MONKEY*

*The lunar New Year is February 8, 2016*

### **RAT**

The Year of The Monkey improves for Rats in 2016, bringing fun, play and a festive outlook. The affinity between Monkey and Rat suggests activity, initiation and movement towards goals. It's a good year to start a new business or even get married!

Quick, witty and clever, the Rat makes friends easily this year. As past rifts heal, he will enjoy bonding more deeply with family members. Gifted with a charming sense of humor, the Rat's magnetic influence pays off, as he charms friends and family into seeing things his way.

The Rat enjoys the backing of numerous lucky stars in the coming year. At last happiness and equilibrium return; the labors of the past bear fruit. There will be no problems he cannot handle on the home or business fronts. He receives good news, recognition and unexpected bounty from unlikely sources.

**In this happy, unpredictable Monkey year Rats often find themselves getting rid of burdens, making new friendships and weeding the dead wood out of their overcrowded lives.**

### **OX**

After a disappointing year, the Ox will see great improvement in the coming year of the Monkey. She will be in friendly territory, sought after by important people and her accomplishments will be recognized. Good tidings at home or on the job await her and she will climb the ladder of success with help from the right people as new ventures and partnerships can be formed under the auspices of the clever Monkey.

The Year of the Monkey 2016 heralds a sense of optimism that will soar into 2017 (a Rooster year) for the Ox. Because Monkey years can be filled with drama, upsets and emotional outpourings, the Ox may experience some exasperation. She needs to watch her nerves and stress levels and not be thrown off her chosen path.

Her strength and determination earns her a positive reputation within her circle. However, the Ox is also a creature of habit so she needs to avoid falling back on previous negative habits and tendencies, which lead to dead ends. The steady Ox does not feel comfortable with the improvisation and playfulness of the Monkey. It will be important for her to relax and take a breath.

**If the diligent Ox stays true to her values and convictions when faced with adversity, she will be rewarded. Rumors of new romance flutter around her ears. The responsible Ox will find many opportunities in the lucky and prosperous year of the Monkey.**

### **TIGER**

As the opposite sign of the Monkey, the Tiger will be facing an uncomfortable year ahead, involving change and surprises. Petty irritations and setbacks make the year of the Monkey a difficult one for the Tiger, trying



his patience and endurance. Most endeavors could lead to disappointments.

The Tiger should not voice objections too loudly, make accusations or jump to conclusions. Confrontations could spiral out of control into complicated and prolonged lawsuits or disagreements that would have been settled easily if both parties had acted in good faith. If the Tiger does not learn to compromise, he may be forced to.

Although the Tiger may believe that his time of opportunity has come and throws all his energy into the furtherance of new and exciting ideas, the Monkey is laughing behind his paw at Tiger's incessant endeavors. The Tiger must remember that the Monkey is the master game-player and if the Tiger does not want to lose, he should refuse to play. He must be aware of the Monkey's shadow side, bringing unhappy surprises.

**For the Tiger, 2016 is a year to unwind, re-think and reconcile emotions. If he attempts too much activity, initiating risky projects and starting up a new business, difficulties could ensue. It will be better for the Tiger to plan and prepare and show restraint for now. The Tiger would do well to seek shelter and wise counsel in this capricious year.**

### **RABBIT**

Although the mischievous Monkey has many tests in store for the Rabbit in 2016, it will be a fair year for her provided she is not too optimistic. Benefitting from her abundant creativity, the Rabbit will have a productive year in her career.

Contracts and financial deals may meet with unexpected snags or fail to materialize due to the betrayal of trusted friends or allies. Her progress could be impeded by those who try to take advantage of the Rabbit or are jealous of her abilities. The Rabbit should triumph if she keeps her wits and calls the bluff of her enemies.

The shifting energy from the Sheep year to the year of the Fire Monkey should be smooth and tranquil for relationship situations. Rocky family relationships, however, may be a bit trickier, but Rabbits are notorious for being able to charm anyone into being in a better mood.

**The Year of the Monkey brings some improvement for the Rabbit as long as she keeps her energy contained and doesn't allow social activities to throw her off course. Some quiet retreat may be important for health and inner peace for the Rabbit and to offset the irreverence that the Monkey can bring.**

### **DRAGON**

The vitality of the Dragon finds platform for creativity, exuberance and release during this Year of the Monkey. He may feel more balanced this year and ready for anything, however it may be a year when he could over-extend himself. Family relationships that had once been distant are now climbing into a position of healing and positive communication, but beware of a family member who is not as they say they are.

Monkeys are not always kind to Dragons. The Dragon may be tempted to take an unprecedented gamble that could prove to be crucial. The Dragon should put a lot of thought into all of his projects before bringing them forward, and must be quick to rectify errors in judgment before they develop into huge mistakes. Monkey



years overflow with unpredictability.

This is a time for the Dragon to compromise and listen to the advice of others; it favors the tactician who can improvise and solve intricate puzzles without losing his composure.

**The Dragon must pass certain tests before the Monkey's year will reward him. A year of change, it is up to the Dragon to steer down the most beneficial path.**

### **SNAKE**

The Snake will have a relatively good year with the help of quite a few key lucky stars, finding help when she needs it most. She can survive and become a winner if she remains objective, keeps a cool head and relies on her innate wisdom and intuition as guidance.

The Monkey will try to draw Snake involuntarily into disputes with his wily charm and tricky ways, but adverse conditions should burn themselves out if the Snake can keep from adding fuel to the fire. This is a year to remain conservative or neutral while madness rages all around her.

The witty Monkey is also a strong ally to the cunning Snake, bringing ideas, inspiration and new goals for the future. By trusting her deeper, instinctual wisdom, the Snake will make excellent choices with beneficial results.

**Confidence, backed by genuine ability, gets the Snake further this year than most, especially if turmoil and upset is met with composed common sense. The Snake is predicted to thrive in the Year of the Monkey.**

### **HORSE**

The Monkey year is convoluted for the swift and playful Horse, who loves to run free. There may be complex twists and turns, stimulating the desire to create, commit, produce or sometimes run away. The Horse will need to be prepared to handle the sudden and unexpected events to come.

The Horse needs to be careful about becoming too ambitious or there may be rude surprises in store. He also should take care when driving or using metal tools for cutting. This is a year for the Horse to learn the value of compromise, collective effort and sharing with others. Selfish behavior will have dire consequences.

It's a time for the Horse to be active, speak his mind, have fun, yet exercise some conservative measures and always leave his escape route open so he can roam free.

**The Horse will experience great pleasure and joy within family and friend relationships. Bonds will develop at strong levels, and he will discover some new lifelong friends along the way as the year progresses. This year proves exciting with social adventures.**

### **SHEEP**

This year the Sheep will have to pay extra attention to health and career as a bewildering amount of wild Monkey schemes and fierce competition at work may throw her for a loop this year. There could be many



annoying problems or unresolved issues that occupy the Sheep's mind. All this might prove distracting and could diminish the momentum she has managed to build up over the past few years.

It would be wise for the Sheep to spend the time caring for herself, whether that means going to the spa, changing her diet, beginning an exercise program, or all three. Family and romantic liaisons could hold surprises for the Sheep. She must keep an open mind and be prepared to adapt to changes rather quickly.

The Monkey turns the Sheep's world upside down with abrupt change, unanticipated opportunity and the need for snap decisions. All this haste and chaos makes the gentle Sheep feel apprehensive, resulting in agitation and impatience.

**This is not a year for the Sheep to make major decisions. By remaining calm, grounded and stable and by avoiding outrageous schemes, this year may proceed with continued benefit and fortune for the Sheep.**

### **MONKEY**

In the Year of the Money, the Monkey himself will need to exercise caution. He faces a number of unlucky stars and no lucky ones in the coming year. Issues could come mainly from subordinates, debtors, or people who finance his bold undertakings and are impatient with his performance. This is a time to collect outstanding debts and pay off any long-standing loans.

It is also a year for the Monkey to watch out for jealousy and underhanded competitors. If the Monkey advances carefully, his endeavors will be favored and he should have luck with any business or plan he begins.

It is possible that the Monkey will make progress in his career, receiving recognition. Money should be plentiful this year, but next year may be more stressful.

**If the Monkey sets goals and clarifies objectives and is prepared, all should go smoothly. He will need to keep his eyes and ears open, however, and proceed with care.**

### **ROOSTER**

There are a number of unlucky stars for the Rooster in the Monkey year. The unexpected and unreasonable occurrences that could take place may leave the Rooster in a discouraged state. Due to these unforeseen difficulties, she may need to rely on others to help her.

The Rooster tends to get too wrapped up in details and loses sight of the goal, causing bad judgment in pressing matters. On the other hand, the situation could bring out the courage and devotion that lies within her. This is the time for the Rooster to be not only ambitious and bold but also flexible and cunning.

In fact, the Monkey may instill the Rooster with vitality to overcome her difficulties although the turmoil and disruption does get tedious for her. Just when the Rooster feels confident that she is in a position to move forward, the Monkey pulls the rug out from under her, forcing a new direction.



**The chaos of the Monkey may drive the Rooster to crow with frustration. A sober, practical approach can bring some comfort in the Year of the Monkey. If the Rooster stays organized to keep ahead of things and waits for the following year, all should go well.**

#### **DOG**

Monkey years make the Dog's life intricate and complex. He will have to pay extra attention in business matters where patience will be of utmost importance. This is the time to fix what is chaotic or out-of-balance but he must be careful to avoid schemes and questionable deals.

The year of the Monkey is a propitious time for the Dog to make a fresh start, perhaps by investing in an unusual business or expanding his sphere of influence. New friends and important people will ask him to join their ventures. The Dog will find the year's activities to be invigorating and will profit from these if natural shyness is put aside.

However, the Dog will have to be cautious, particularly in money and family matters, and should investigate before making commitments. Projects may not develop as planned and force the Dog to begin again midyear.

**In a time of much hectic activity and involvement that the Monkey brings, the Dog may see extra expenses, more traveling than usual or even a change in residence. Still, there will be plenty of good news and celebrations; luck will shine on a new area of his life.**

#### **PIG**

This could be a make-or-break year for the Pig, providing a successful time in her career when she enthusiastically takes charge of her destiny. New theories should be put into the spotlight where they will be appreciated---- if she takes them seriously, others will too.

Additionally, the Pig must take responsibility for herself, particularly paying close attention to her health by avoiding stress if possible. She will have to pay extra attention to various domestic and personal problems that may vex her during the Year of the Monkey. She may feel there are those who are trying to take advantage of her kindness and generosity. Strong focus and intuitive trust in what is authentic will carry the Pig though any turbulence that the Monkey instigates.

The Monkey year can bring surprise connections for the Pig with romantic involvements deepening. Emotions and opportunities run high and low to the extreme. If the Monkey tries to trick with quick and cunning schemes, the Pig needs to stay grounded and not be swallowed up in the fervor.

**Families lucky enough to have a Pig within their circle enjoy her honesty and down-to-earth outlook. If she can ignore the Monkey's tricks this year, the Pig will attain success in new and exciting enterprises.**

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