

HONOURING THE ANIMALS – PG 17

Honouring the Animal

Every year is associated with one of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac. These animals are often represented in decorations. Some people believe that

those born during the year of a particular animal may have the character traits of that animal.

Is Chinese belief about people having character traits of animals a fact or an opinion?

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WHAT IS THE CHINESE ZODIAC?

- **THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT THE ZODIACS ORIGINALLY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WORSHIP OF ANIMALS. A ZODIAC SYSTEM HAS EXISTED IN CHINESE CULTURE SINCE THE QIN DYNASTY, MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS AGO.**
- **OVER TIME THE ZODIACS BECAME MORE AND MORE INTEGRATED INTO EVERYDAY LIFE, WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS AND CHARACTERISTICS ASSIGNED TO EACH ANIMAL. THIS IN TURN GAVE RISE TO VARIOUS COMPATIBILITIES (AND INCOMPATIBILITIES) BETWEEN EACH ZODIAC, AND PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN MARRIAGE AND CAREER DECISIONS, FORTUNE-TELLING AND MORE!**

12 Chinese Zodiac Signs

十二生肖

RAT 鼠



OX 牛



TIGER 虎



RABBIT 兔



DRAGON 龍



SNAKE 蛇



HORSE 馬



GOAT 羊



MONKEY 猴



ROOSTER 雞



DOG 狗



PIG 豬







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- (7) Chinese New Year is a time when the family should come together in order to give thanks for the year that has passed, and reinvigorate themselves for the coming year.

THEME

Chinese New Year is one of the major festivals in Chinese Culture. Just like other ethnic communities of the world, in China too the New Year is the most important day of the year. This is the time when the family members strive to be with their near and dear ones; they regard this as a time to usher out the old year and welcome the new, with great festivities and merrymaking.

PLENARY

- **WHY DOES THE DINNER CONSIST OF 8 OR 9 DISHES?**
- **WHY ARE THE CHILDREN GIVEN RED ENVELOPES FILLED WITH MONEY?**
- **WHAT IS THE BELIEF OF THE CHINESE IN THEIR ZODIAC SIGNS LINKED WITH ANIMALS?**

HOMEWORK

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