



2020 Influences and Adjustments for the: Yang Metal Rat

The Chinese solar year runs from Feb. 4, 2020–Feb. 3, 2021. Chinese (Lunar) New Year is **January 25, 2020**. Solar New Year is a fixed date and Lunar New Year is the second new moon after the winter solstice. In traditional feng shui, we have two factors to take into consideration: the **animal year** and the **annual Lo Shu number**. The animal year refers to things that influence you on a personal level. The annual Lo Shu number refers to energetic influences located in specific areas (compass directions) of your home, office and garden. Working from a position of strength, you can positively influence the type of year you have, by neutralizing negative energies and negative stars, while activating the positive stars.

2020 is a Yang Metal Rat year. It begins on February 4, 2020 and ends February 3, 2021.

The Rat is the first animal in the Chinese zodiac, and it is compatible with the Dragon and Monkey. The Rat clashes with the Horse. 2020 can be a challenging year for people born in Rat, Horse and Goat years. The year is favorable for Dragons, Tigers, Dogs and Oxen, and mixed for those born in the year of the Rabbit, Snake, Monkey, Rooster and Pig.

Each month has specific energies where some months are more favorable than others. In addition, the year you were born is only the “tip of the iceberg” for information and insights into your personal chart. A Four Pillar analysis provides you a much deeper view into yourself, your cycles and the elements that can benefit you. The animal year represents an overall influence.

We last experienced similar energies 60 years ago, in 1960. Qualities associated with Rat energy include intelligence, industriousness, diligence, adaptability, cleverness and sociability. 2020 is likely to be a very social year.

We’re halfway through a 40-year economic reshaping and several significant and rare astrological patterns will unfold in 2020. Thus, we may see quite a bit of change. Although it feels chaotic, it’s all for the best. Unsustainable patterns will continue to break down to make room for necessary shifts that will help humanity and our planet.

The **Flying Stars** influence the energy in your house and environment. When activating the Flying Stars, the year begins February 4, 2020 and ends February 3, 2021. Two primary systems are in practice today: Flying Star System I (primary system in use) and Flying Star System II, (not well documented in popular publications but some say is even more powerful). In the Flying Star I system we are in Period 8 (which influences houses built or renovated from February 4, 2004 through February 3, 2023). In the Flying Star II system, Period 9 was ushered in during 2016 and will continue for the next 20 years. Peg practices Flying Star II taught to her by Gill Hale.

The **Annual Lo Shu** number is the annual number that “flies in” every February. The number for 2020 is 7. Thus “7” is in the middle of the Lo Shu or Magic Square for the year. This number and positioning are used for both Flying Star systems as well as *Nine Star Ki* astrology.

Pay extra attention to the East, North, South and Center sectors.

- 1) The Annual 5 Star is in the East (67.5-112.5).
- 2) The Grand Duke (Tai Su) is in the 2nd sector of the North (352.5° - 7.5°).
- 3) The Three Killings (142.5-217.5) is primarily in the South, bordering the SE and SW.
- 4) Sui Po (Year Breaker; 172.5° - 187.5°) is in the South, Horse sector, opposite Rat.
- 5) The # 2 Illness star is in the South (157.5 – 202.5).

Annual Five Star in the EAST

- Metal keeps this in check. Omit Fire and red.
- Omit noisy activities or remodeling here this year.
- Disturbances can bring disaster, sickness, lawsuits, major financial loss.
- Place Metal and the Salt-Water cure in the East sector this year.
- Six-rod wind chimes are excellent.

The Grand Duke (Tai Sui) is in the NORTH (352.5° - 7.5°)

- Confronting the Grand Duke can cause obstacles, defeat, demotion and loss.
- Sit with your back to this sector for support.
- Don't disturb the ground in NW. Six-rod metal wind chimes are the cure if you work here.
- Don't sit facing the 352.5° - 7.5° sector in your office.
- The *traditional cure* is to place a dragon headed tortoise (Pi Yao) in the *opposite* sector of your home of office, facing the Grand Duke.
- Take an accurate reading from the middle of your home to get the 15⁰ sector.

The Three Killings falls in the SOUTH, as well as one sector of SE and SW (142.5-217.5)

- Omit big, noisy renovations or re-decorative work this year.
- Omit major outside groundwork: digging holes, foundation work, noisy equipment
- Disturbances can bring about financial problems, illness, and disagreements.
- Don't sit with your back to this direction.
- It's better to **face this direction**, if it is one of your best personal directions.
- A **six-rod metal wind chime, 6-coins, and a salt-water cure** are excellent additions.
- If your front door faces this sector place a pair of Fu dogs or temple lions just inside the house as protective guardians.

The Sui Po “Annual Affliction” is opposite the Grand Duke in the SOUTH (142.5° - 157.5°)

- This is the sector of the Horse.
- Omit big, noisy renovations or re-decorative work this year.
- Omit major outside groundwork: digging holes, foundation work, noisy equipment
- Place a six-rod metal wind chime if you need to do outside work here.

Adjust Front Doors where #'s 2 (South), 3 (North), 5 (East), or 7 (Center) “Fly In.” Hang a new bagua mirror outside the house above the front door and other round metal objects inside front door. Toss the bagua mirror out at the end of the year.

Cleanse Last Year's Cures

- You can cleanse the cures currently in place under the full moon (Jan 10, Feb 9) or in four hours of direct sunlight. Sprinkle with salt and let them soak up the moonshine or sunshine. Then rinse under water and place in the appropriate areas.
- Toss all old Salt-Water cures; replace in the 5- and 2-Star sectors (East, South).
- Toss out last year's Bagua Mirrors used as an annual cure.

Overall, place some good quality metal in the East and South this year. Take care to omit sharp, menacing objects (such as knives, swords). For East or South bedrooms, place a

Wu-lou beside your bed. Also place a set of 6-coins in East and South rooms. I like to hang a set on a doorknob.

#1 White: Water star in NE in 2020. The #1 Water star flies into the NE. This benevolent Water star typically has a positive influence career, wealth, education, romance, children, luck, ears, kidneys, blood. Also activate for romance (Peach Blossom star in 2020), promotions, and artistic endeavors. Add **Metal** enhancements and water colors (blue, gray) in the NE this year. You can add blue via fabrics, pillows, rugs, curtains, bedding, etc. **Minimize Fire energy** in the NE sector this year. Check your plumbing and repair any leaks. Colorful flowers would be another favorable enhancement. If you'd like to block a relationship, add yellow, particularly in NE bedrooms.

#2 Black: in South ... Untimely star and area in 2020. **Keep the South as quiet as possible during 2020** and **use a lot of metal**, white, gold, copper and silver in this area. **Place a salt-water cure here, along with six coins** tied with red ribbon, a **metal singing bowl**, a **metal bell**, round metal objects, a **brass Wu Lou** (gourd), metal objects without sharp points. This star impacts the health of those under its influence (personal Lo Shu 1,3, 4) and is associated with sickness, disease, bad luck, stress, stomach and digestive problems, bloated feelings, gossip, back-stabbing, family unrest. **Omit or minimize red and yellow, candles, triangular shapes, bright lights (fire element) in this area.** If your bedroom is in the South, place a brass Wu Lou beside your bed. Bathrooms and storage areas in the South for 2020 are harmless. For South offices a **gold 3-legged toad** or a **wealth god statue** can be used as wealth enhancements.

During 2020, the **Three Killings** and **Sui Po** are also located here and can bring problems if disturbed. **Treat the South cautiously for this reason.** Avoid groundbreaking and renovations in this sector for 2020. If you renovate, hang a six-rod hollow metal wind chime and begin on an auspicious date. Keep main doors and offices in this area as quiet as possible. If your bedroom is here, add some blue or black to enhance health.

A traditional annual cure for the Three Killings is to place the **Three Celestial/Divine Guardians** in this sector, facing the direction, a Pi Yao (wealth protector), Fu Dogs (protection against accidents, and a Chi Lin (Chinese unicorn to protect relationships).

#3 Jade: in North ... **Star #3 is an unpredictable star during Period 9.** Beware of possible theft, arguments, disputes, hot tempers and legal problems. **Take security measures. Remove metal and add Fire energy;** metal aggravates the #3 star. **Remove all wind chimes**, particularly metal, unless you must do outside work. In that case, hang a wind chime while you do the outside work. **Use red decorative objects, candles, lamps, lights**, a lamp on a wooden stand with a peach or red shade, a red candle, a **red Buddha or a red dragon, red Fu dogs.** Hang a red crystal from ceiling fans in this sector. A red rug or floor mat and Fu dogs are excellent for front doors. Also hang a **bagua mirror** if you have a North facing entrance. Metal color is OK, if you already have it. Carefully check all documents before signing, if your office is located here.

The Grand Duke resides in the North in 2020 in compass position (352.5° - 7.5°). Confronting the Grand Duke results in defeat, demotion, loss, and obstacles. **Avoid sitting facing this sector.** It is preferable to sit with your back to this sector. Avoid renovations in this compass sector during 2020, if possible. **If your building faces this sector do not renovate this year.** Do not disturb the ground facing 352.5° - 7.5° during 2020. If you do, hang a six-rod metal wind chime and select an auspicious date to begin. Placing the Three Immortals in this area facing 352.5° - 7.5° is a nice addition to the North to appease the Grand Duke.

#4 Green: in SW. This is a very harmonious area during 2020. This star governs romance, travel, creative and academic/educational/self-development, wisdom and intelligence. A **blue Kuan Yin** is a very nice addition for 2020 to enhance relationships and career. Add flowers, blue or green crystals, **4 stalks of lucky bamboo in water**, leafy, green plants, or a pagoda. Add some blue or green to offices or bedrooms. A “still” water feature is favorable for 2020 (such as stalks of bamboo, or fresh flowers, in clean water and a blue, gray or black vase. A bowl of fresh water also works.). Nice placement for **Mandarin ducks** or a **dragon headed tortoise** to enhance romance. To enhance academics, add a **calligraphy set** or an **abacus** in the favorable compass directions. **Omit the fire element and red, pink or purple and heavy metal, including wind chimes. Also minimize the colors white and silver.** If you cannot remove these colors, add some blue or black. Add some green to enhance wealth. A main door in this sector can bring in new opportunities and lots of travel.

#5 Yellow: is in the East for 2020. **A challenging, unstable area in 2030.** Adjust and **keep this area quiet.**...no major renovations or disturbances. This is a volatile star and it has a malevolent influence when disturbed. It can bring disaster, lawsuits, sickness and major loss of wealth. In 2020 **remove (or minimize) red and yellow in the East.** Re-balance with plenty of good quality metal. Cleanse your cures from last year prior to putting them in place. Stillness and metal cures keep this area in check. **Place the salt-water cure and metal objects here: six-rod wind chimes, a pendulum clock, six Chinese coins, round metal objects, brass wu-lou, brass dragon (for bedrooms), metal decorations, gray, white and gold colors. If your main door is here, hang a bagua mirror.** Omit noise and renovations here this year. Omit red and minimize the Fire element (i.e. candles, bright lights). White, silver, gold and copper are helpful additions. Dark blue and black can also be used. Grey, blue and white are great temporary colors in bedrooms located in this sector. Cleanse all cures from previous years. Replace the Salt-Water cure annually. Replace your bagua mirror if you have one here outside your front door.

#6 White: in SE. This is a compassionate money star and it is well positioned in 2020 for career, wealth, politicians, leaders and anyone in the jewelry or real estate/property business. Main doors and offices in the SE in 2020 are well positioned. **Add Earth cures for 2020.** Earth colors (yellow, brow, beige) are good in this area, along with quartz crystals, faceted crystal spheres, gold and other metal. Metal energy (“six coins” are excellent) will help to activate this star. The annual #6 star located in a bedroom can aggravate problems with liver and legs. If these are problem areas for you, add water colors to your bedroom (blue, black, gray or charcoal) to minimize aggravation, A blue painting, but not a water scene, is beneficial in bedrooms. **Real quartz crystal** and round faceted crystal spheres are also beneficial in this sector for 2020.

#7 Red: in Center. Star #7 carries a negative influence. Keep the Center of your home as quiet as you can this year. Beware of unscrupulous people working against you. Balance the energies for protection against legal issues, arguments, disputes, robbery, deception, copyright theft, gossip, backstabbing and loss of wealth. **Hang a feng shui flute.** Affiliated health problems are related to the lungs, asthma, and COPD. Check smoke alarms and electronics. If your office or bedroom is in the Center, add some **royal blue, blue, gray, black or charcoal. Omit (or at least minimize) Fire colors, red, candles, metal wind chimes, moving fans. A blue elephant or rhinoceros are fine additions here. Take precautions and extra security measures if you have a main door here in 2020.** Hang a bagua mirror for Center entrances... **some U-shaped homes have main doors in the Center. Remove Earth cures and crystals from the Center. Do not add yellow.**

#8 White: in NW. **This is a primary wealth star.** The number 8 star typically brings good fortune and wealth if properly activated or balanced. Open doors and windows to bring in fresh air and yang energy. Omit clutter. **Activate this area with crystals spheres, quartz and amethyst crystals, a three-legged toad. Add some red and yellow. Omit heavy metal and**

wind chimes. Crystals, Amethyst are beneficial for bedrooms located in the NW in 2020 to strengthen Earth element that governs Star #8, along with Mandarin Ducks.

#9 Purple: in West. This is the Period 9 star of wealth from 2017 - 2036. Enhance the West for wealth and romance this year. The Three Immortals and fresh flowers are effective enhancements. Add a Kuan Yin statue for harmonious relationships. The energy associated with #9 is bright and happy, dazzling, jubilation, rapid advancement in science, medicine and robotics. This area is about fame, acknowledgement, growth and improvement. A gold abacus is a nice office enhancement. Include leafy green plants, blue flowering plants such as violet, fresh flowers, **hang six Chinese coins tied in a row on the wall or doorknob to weaken the visiting/monthly 2 and 5 stars. The 6 Coins can hang all year long. During 2020 you can also tap into the Heavenly luck associated with the West.**

Lucky Colors for 2020: Green, gold and blue

Outside Water for 2020 ... Place in (or face) SW or East for 2020.

Indoor Water for 2020 ... Best area is #8 star in NW for 2020.

2020 ... # 7 Lo Shu Year in Period 9

Factors to Consider by Sector

<p>6 +Metal SE (112.5 – 157.5)</p> <p>#6 Star of Heaven. Well positioned for 2020 for career and wealth. Can aggravate liver and legs in bedrooms. Add yellow, beige, brown and gold. Also activate with 6 coins. Add blue or black to bedrooms, yin water, a water scene (not in bedrooms), and avoid adding the color red. Add real Quartz, crystal spheres. Balance the SE with Earth cures in 2020. Avoid Fire colors and candles.</p>	<p>2 Earth South (157.5 – 202.5)</p> <p>Three Killings & Sui Po in 2020.</p> <p>#2 Star of Illness. Untimely star. Leave as much alone as you can. Hang a bagua mirror if main door is here. Place Salt Water cure. 6 Chinese coins, brass Wu-Lou gourd in bedrooms, lots of metal, metal singing bowl, etc. Avoid red, yellow, fiery energy, triangles. Remove candles and bright lights. Gourd is a classic cure for #2 Star to protect against illness. Add white, silver, gold, copper, other metal to décor. Gold 3-legged toad enhances offices. A Kuan Yin with beads and bells is also helpful.</p>	<p>4 -Wood SW (202.5 – 247.5)</p> <p>#4 Star of Intelligence and Romance. Harmonious area for 2020. Enhance for romance, creativity, travel, academic pursuits, writing, and offices. Activate with a blue kuan yin, yin water (a bowl of clean, still water) or blue, black objects. Add (blue) flowers, 4 stalks lucky bamboo, leafy plants, brass abacus, blue and black, Mandarin Ducks, Dragon and Phoenix. Omit/reduce fire, heavy metal: white, silver, red, pink, purple.</p>
<p>5 Earth East (67.5 – 112.5)</p> <p>Annual 5 Affliction</p> <p>#5 Star of Misfortune. Avoid renovations. Add good quality Metal. Place Salt Water cure. 6 rod metal wind chimes, a pendulum clock, brass Wu Lou or gold gourd and 6 Chinese coins tied with red ribbon. Bagua mirror for main entrances. Remove red and yellow items and candles, use dark blue, black, charcoal gray, white, silver, gold, copper. Add: round metal dog bowl, metal weights, and a metal dragon. A pendulum chiming clock is a good cure.</p>	<p>7 – Metal</p> <p>#7 Star of Misfortune & Robbery. Omit Earth, Fire, red, candles, quartz crystals, metal wind chimes. Add more black, gray, blue, a blue Rhino, quartz crystal, a blue round faceted lead-glass crystal sphere. Place 3 Guardians. Keep area still. Guard against fires in kitchens. Remove wind chimes.</p> <p>Add some Royal Blue.</p>	<p>9 Fire West (247.5 – 292.5)</p> <p>#9 Star of Current Prosperity until 2036. Balance for 2020. Three Immortals statue is beneficial. Add kuan yin, leafy, green plants, fresh flowers, violet flowers, 3-legged toad, coins, 8 Chinese coins, a gold abacus to offices, Amethyst crystals. Wealth enhancers.</p>
<p>1 Water NE (22.5 – 67.5)</p> <p>#1 Star of Future Prosperity. The #1 star positively influences career, new opportunities, financial gains, and academic achievements. Health-wise it influences the ears, kidneys and blood. Add metal and avoid fire colors and candles. Blue, black and grey are great colors to add this year, along with water cures. Place a brass Wu-Lou in bedrooms. Check plumbing and repair any leaks.</p> <p>Peach Blossom Star in 2020. Enhance for marriage with colorful flowers. Use yellow and Earth to block 3rd parties.</p>	<p>3 + Wood North (337.5 – 22.5)</p> <p>Grand Duke in 352.5 – 7.5.</p> <p>#3 Star of Arguments. Keep quiet, except for a light or candle. Add Fire, red Buddha, red Kuan Yin, red candle, bright lights, red floor mat, a lamp on a wooden stand with a red shade, Fu dogs. Omit Metal, wind chimes, water features, a spinning fan. Hang a bagua mirror for North facing entrances. Upgrade security. Beware of backstabbing or being caught off-guard or by surprise. Be careful signing documents in offices. 2020 Grand Duke: do not face. Omit digging or renovating front doors located in this sector. Hang a wind chime if you need to do repair work here.</p>	<p>8 Earth NW (292.5 – 337.5)</p> <p>#8 Star of Wealth in Period 8, fading Wealth in Period 9. Typically, supportive of good fortune, romance, and wealth. Activate for good fortune. Omit clutter. Add red and yellow colors, but not too much. Add quartz and crystals. Mandarin ducks are also good. Omit heavy metal. Hang a flute. Use quartz crystals, amethyst, rose quartz mandarin ducks.</p>

Three Killings: can influence financial loss, illness, arguments. Avoid sitting with your back to this area. Don't disturb the ground. If you must dig, begin elsewhere. In 2020, Three Killings primarily falls into the **South (142.5 – 217.5)**. If your front door faces **South**, place a pair of Fu dogs just inside the front door looking outwards as protective guardian for the year. Hang a 6-rod wind chime between building and area of work before doing outside work or repairs here.

Grand Duke (Jupiter): Do not sit facing this direction. You never "confront" the Grand Duke. You are better off sitting with your back to it and getting the support of the Grand Duke. The Grand Duke can influence loss, defeat, obstacles. Your personal grand duke is the direction of your animal year. Hang a 6-rod wind chime before doing ground-breaking work here. Avoid sitting facing this direction. It is better to sit with your back to this direction. In 2020 the Grand Duke is in North 352.5 – 7.5.

Sui Po: Year breaker, animal sign opposite the Grand Duke. Do not disturb (172.5 – 187.5, Horse sector). Hang a 6-rod wind chime before doing ground-breaking work here. (South 2020).

3 Celestial Beings: Fu Dog on left, Pi Yao in middle, Chi Lin on right.