

# Chinese Year Of The Wood Goat 2015 - By Jacqueline Close Moore

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**We rise with inspiration but we persist our climb because of balance**

2015 will be the Year of the Wood Goat, which arrives on 4 February 2015, China time. (Whereas Chinese New Year's Day is 19 February 2015.)

Wood, as represented in all kinds of shrubs, trees and climbers, is an elemental energy that is sensitive. It bends, it can be carved, shaped, and it can reach, by stealth into areas that test the capabilities and sensitivities of itself all it comes into contact with. Wood people are prone to worry about things, and can be deep and intuitive, oversensitive, and linked strongly to nature. They are often soothed by the quietness of the depths of the forests, or the sweet smell of dew drops on fern fronds on the sides of waterfalls.

Goats are very much intuitive, creative, sensitive and sensory creatures, known for climbing amazing heights, often against all odds. They can also at times be at once adept at climbing and at the other time, scared of their own potential and success. A contradiction in terms, goats can be deeply cognizant of their impact on those around them at one point, and equally stubborn and butting their heads, by repeating tried and failed patterns at another... And viced versa.

Wood goats are often can be very emotional and sensitive and need to watch things such as boundaries and how to manage their understanding of how much is enough, whether it is in the giving or the taking. They can be self-sacrificial and single minded in that sacrifice. The Nature God Pan comes to mind, and in the year of the Wood Goat it is recommended to avoid excesses in all areas especially socially and substances such as alcohol.

Thus, remember to be clear on your boundaries, once again in 2015, and avoid trying to please everyone.

Do what is best for the situation overall, and seek the long term plan rather than short term gain or giving in just to keep the peace.

In many cases, working smarter, not harder is advised in the Wood Goat Year, keep your energy reserves going and if feeling physically depleted start to act on clearing out what holds you back, replenishing your vitality and cultivating clarity. 2015 is also an 8 year which challenges us on where to draw the line on many things especially in negotiations and around family money matters.

It is a time to choose your battles wisely, and who to save and who to help to help themselves. Not all are ready for help, and not all battles need to be fought or conquered, instead sometimes going with the flow helps more than stretching too far beyond your means.

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2015 is the year that we see increases in political head butting, and people in such positions becoming increasingly arrogant and hard headed, and narrow, single minded, unwilling to see things from another perspective than their own. In Australia, we will see two goats butt heads this year, and the more stubborn of the two will lose. I predicted back in 2003 – 2004 in a range of newsletter mail outs that the world was swinging further to the hard right, and that this would result, if left unchecked with world leaders who are dictators.

But that is precisely where populations go when they are encouraged toward fears, when they feel disenfranchised, and financially excluded. A nation deserves the leaders they vote in, but sometimes they do this without clear thought, that only hindsight is capable of truly understanding, although there is no excuse of apathy, and the cries of “we didn’t know” won’t be possible this time around. People willingly going along with dog whistle politics because it gives them permission to be bad. Because they want to get away with it, and they don’t care that they know it’s wrong and dangerous. It’s no good to say “I voted that way just to say up you,” but not liking the outcome when enough other people thought the same way so much that a thin majority emerges and they wish they could change their mind, because the consequences become all too real.

We have seen elements of this in Australia and will continue to see this in the Western world over the next few years. The shadow of our collective populations has the unfortunate opportunity to rise and create a new form of demagogue. What people do not realise in not wanting to take the responsibility of being a member of a democracy, is exactly how dictatorships start.

And Pan does like to play his tricks, but if you take a loan out with him, he will always call it in early. That’s why if you don’t agree with the lack of integrity of anything, but go ahead because it’s easy, cheap, might make you quick money, it usually always will take you in an expensive direction, giving weight to the phrase “If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.”



Do good deals, be aware of bad deals, and avoid minimising the difficult experiences of others, instead seek to understand. Climbing is always a good thing, unless you stand on the heads of others to get above them. It’s a bit like live by the sword die by the sword, because ultimately, as surely as the means by which you rose to the peak, you will also descend in a similar manner.

How many people will be willing to cushion your descent and make it a soft and gentle landing?

The goat and 8 teaches us to make good of our promises, persist in things that are important and to know the difference between that which is important to us, and that which is essential for the good of all.

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**Blessings,**

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