

Year of the Water Snake - February 10, 2013 and ends on January 30, 2014.

It is said that if you are bitten by a snake and you survive that you are both initiated and a healer, for you have transformed the poison into your own transformation, wisdom, and healing.



The Water Dragon Year 2012 certainly provided lots of initiations for many people to still have to transform leading into 2013, escalating their spiritual development. 2013 will bring people's awareness back to their heart's desires, as much as the Venus transit in 2012 brought up a taste of this desire. The trick was in learning to turn the lead into gold, and adversity into advantage.

I recall people saying, at the dawn of 2012 that the Water Dragon would be incredibly fortuitous, I shuddered at the time, aware that 2012 as a "5" year over all, it's last two digits were "12", The "Hanged Man" card in the tarot, as well as it being a Chinese Year of Water Dragon who in reality holds onto its treasures with the mightiest of grips and an ever watchful, grudge holding eye when its passions are raised... Between January and May 2012, 8954 Australian businesses shut their doors for the final time, 2012 was instead teaching people, (as with the Pluto in Capricorn overlay) to be grateful for what they have, and more flexible in their attitudes. It was also a Year in which Venus transited the Sun, making for women's issues coming to the forefront and we end the year on massive protests in India that seek to change laws and cultural norms regards the treatment of women which may well start on the rape and beating of one woman but will cause a tidal

wave that goes for many years and reaches into women's equality in matters of law particularly to do with women's rights in divorce proceedings in India. It is sad that someone has to die for a community and society decides to move, however I feel her death will not be in vain.

2013, is a "6" and its last two digits, "13" will be fascinating for women and witches. Lilith was said to be the queen of the witches and the first wife of Adam. She was the high priestess who gave up her temple throne to accept marriage with Adam on condition that he allow her to be his equal. He failed to abide by his side of the bargain, and she angered, heart broken and aggrieved Lilith, who, knowing the secret name of God, asked to be given wings to fly away, and did. She was bitter from being completely betrayed by Adam's broken agreement. We later see the untamable Lilith return to the garden to find Adam's second wife 'Eve,' the very dutiful wife he had created from his spare rib, who did everything he said and accepted whatever he said and asked. Lilith brought Eve the apple for Adam, while dressed as a snake, and well, even if we were confused up to that point, we know the rest from there, don't we.

Apple, in herbal lore is ruled by the planet Venus, and the element of water...if you cut an apple crossways, the pips form a pentagram within the apple. Venus, the planet, also periodically makes a pentagram in the sky with its movement through the stars.

Jesus, by the way also had 12 disciples, and together with them, formed a group of 13. Most covens have a set limit of 12 plus 1 teacher / leader of the group. In my own psychic development circles I have always allowed a limit of 12 students, as did my teachers before me. Both 12 and 13 have always been sacred numbers to various groups, the symbology for each being rich both independently and jointly for many reasons that are easily researched. While most years have 12 full moons, 2012 had 13 full moons in the calendar year...While 2013 will have 12 full moons.

2013, as a "6" year, also offers up the hexagram, and the symbol on the flag of Israel. The hexagram symbol also conveys the concept of "as above, so below" which originated in the Vedas, but was later laid out in The Emerald Tablet of Hermes Trismegistus, in the words "That which is Below corresponds to that which is Above, and that which is Above, corresponds to that which is Below, to accomplish the miracles of the One Thing. So, for instance if you intensely dislike someone...or another nation, race, culture, religion for that matter.... this is surely the year you are best to come to terms with the part within yourself that you are seeing through the reflection of that other person's / nation's beingness. (Being that we cannot love or hate something that is within others, without that thing being that which we love or loathe about ourselves.) It may be handy to carry around a large mirror, at least in your mind and upon which to better reflect, this year.

2013 is a time for women to embrace their inner Lilith, and not to let it rule them, nor seek to rule it by cutting away the sacred feminine. To be strong and yet open hearted. To be assertive, yet retain your femininity. It's a year to ask yourself if your heart is truly 'in it' before doing something, and for developments in both women's health and heart health. The health industry will see changes, some consolidation and changed approaches to managing people's health will come out of 2013.

Politics

For some 2012 was a year of trying or wanting to try new things, October 2012 brought the end of the Saturn in Libra cycle. Here in Australia, Saturn had been sitting solidly on Julia Gillard's sun sign, Libra from 30 October 2009 until, on 3 October, Saturn moved into Scorpio. Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull's are both Scorpio, and so good old reliable unshakable Saturn shifted a lot of dynamics in parliament house almost overnight. We saw the population increasingly fed up with all the carry on and the birth of the "mysogyny" speech which went global in which Julia finally took Tony to task with a stretched out slingshot of a tongue lashing.

Love her or loathe her, we should at least congratulate her for that... By the way when Saturn is in your sun sign, it's hard to be recognised nicely for pretty much anything, such hard going it is. Poor Tony, may be now you can see how Julia felt, and that can't be easy.

Julia is a Libra Metal Ox, Tony is a Scorpio Fire Rooster, While Kevin is a Virgo Fire Rooster and Malcolm is a Scorpio Wooden Horse.

In 2013, perhaps our pollies might be best advised in the knowledge that the Snake hates nothing more than deception and trickery from others, even if every struck by or prone to doing it themselves.

The end ...of the end... of the world...please...

In 2012 we had plenty of misguided 'end of the world' predictions, which were fed by the mass consciousness until it became quite a toxic energy to transmute. I have been watching this doomsday thing repeat over and over again for a while, and in fact there have been 'end of the world' prophecies throughout history.

Most recently prior to 2012, I had a radio show from 1997 til 2003, and one of the people I knew started carrying around seeds in silver packets, in his top shirt pocket. I asked him what that was for he said "when the computers stop working and there is no electricity, and after all the nuclear fall-out has ended, I will replant the earth so we can eat."

I replied "But, if you can indeed plant anything at all within the next 25,000 years or however long it takes for the soil to be ok after a nuclear blast, shouldn't you consider germination time and what will you eat while we are waiting for it to become harvest ready?"

He looked a bit disheartened and tipped his seeds out. I felt sorry for him on a few levels. Perhaps I was being too blunt. On new year's eve leading up to 2000, I had every kind of speaker on, many who had written books about "the end times" they were sure would be there at the conclusion of 1999 as a result of the Y2K bug in computers. I kept saying on air between the various interviews that the world was not ending. I played REM's song about the end of the world all night on that show. And in the morning we all woke up, and life went on...Of course.

For those looking toward 2021, 2025 and who knows what ever other dates for end times, I can tell you, the only end of the world destined is if we continue to care more about money than the earth itself. We have to realise we can't eat money. Also, if we plan to ditch the earth because, like a disposable coffee cup we think we can throw it away and get another one, there is not a "mother ship" on the dark side of the moon. No one is waiting for you to pack your suitcase, like they did in the 90s and ascend at the right moment to join the crew and take you to a euphoric place of meaningful understanding devoid of the need to take solid and personal responsibility for your actions so you don't have to.

Home, hearth, heart

So 2013 is about coming back down to earth, and walking our talk... Loving the earth, our mother, and learning to value women more. 2013 is also a '6' year, and so this is the year that the babies conceived in 2012, with or without the help of 50 shades of grey will be born. Many of the people who left redundant relationships in 2012 will find or commit to their true love in 2013. We will see more movement towards renovating or refurbishing homes, and families will seek to work together or split altogether... Especially if they fight about over spending on home décor and renovations. Keep a tight fist on the wallet if you are renovating, it will be all too easy to get carried away with being in love with the renovation rather than sticking to what works and is likely to increase property value. 2013 is also about returning to the feeling of home, and so Ireland is quite intuitively having "The Gathering" nationally throughout 2013. I am amongst the many worldwide being called home by relatives whether by blood or marriage to gather together in with Irish family in Ireland and reconnect. It's designed to also help kick start the Irish economy, yet I feel this causes a ripple effect of another, beautiful and global kind... How perfect and appropriate.

Alliances, Friendships, Money and business

While Snake works hard to make sure they have money and so is seen as never going hungry, you should seek to save your money where possible in a snake year, as snake is known to lash out on expensive items, and while preferring quality not quantity you still should avoid getting carried away by just how fabulous that couch or car looks.

Be careful about striking out all sorts of directions thoughtlessly. Focus is the key, also to make sure you truly know the person you are thinking of jumping into business with, it is easy to be deceived in a snake year, especially a Water Snake.

Don't let sudden surprises turn around and bite you this year, protect your cash reserve, and then you have money in those last minute unpredictable things that may pop up this year without any warning at all.

In 2013, if you are taking on a business partner or going into a marriage or alliance of sorts this year, be sure to check the other party's finances thoroughly before committing.

Sexy snake in love

Snake can get a little bit possessive at times in love, and will do almost whatever it takes to get what they want. If you happen to be what they want, just enjoy it and prepare to be amazed. To stay on their good side, avoid interrupting them, never ever mislead them, and understand that snake loathes their own failures, and probably want a good massage and not so much a long laborious problem solving discussion about it. You will need to be patient and have a calming influence, and you won't get by in a tryst with snake on looks alone. Snake likes to know what is in your mind.

Snake people

Understand the energy of the snake person, and you will understand the year of the snake.

Snakes are intuitive and sensitive creatures who know a good opportunity when they see, smell, hear or more likely, feel it. They don't, however give second chances often, so if you are afforded this luxury, don't mess it up or take

them for granted, ever. They are very alert, proud, cunning, and love compliments. They usually hide their emotion, and bite you later, which could be lovely or lethal depending on whether you got it right. They also get quite hypnotised by smoke, and so having plenty of incense around in the year of the snake may help a lot.

Elements and animal

Wood Snake 1905, 1965:- sensitive, flexible, great knowledge, has to prune redundant and undue obligation connections and keep movement going in order to stay clear. Whether accurately perceived by the wood snake or not, often they feel that family and loved ones expect a lot from them and they feel that while, in their view, not much comes back in return, they still do it anyway out of love.

Fire Snake, 1917, 1977:-Fiesty, changeable, quick and keen reactions, creative, transformative. A true catalyst, once they master this energy. They at times can get so lost in the excitement of what they are doing that they forget to eat or sleep. Knee jerk reactions are likely, with hard to come by apologies later. They can change your mind before you know what happened, and leave you wondering what happened long after it did.

Earth Snake, 1929, 1989:- The quiet achiever. They will work hard for what they have. They usually are a book worm and earth worm often more as a diversion than really wanting to know something. They love being at home and adore home cooking, especially if someone else prepared it. They may prefer to stick their head in the sand if they feel under way tooooooo much pressure. They like peaceful and quiet surroundings at a home surrounded by trees and nature more so than the dizzying heights of apartment buildings.

Metal Snake:- 1941,2001 Don't even bother lying to them, they will remember every little thing you said to them, and it may very well be used against you later. An incredible eye for detail, but they are looking after number one first, always. They take charge and bring order to chaos or vice versa as they so desire. Try not to trick them especially in business, they have the fastest recoil of all the snakes, and their fangs are solid as steel.

Water Snake:- 1953, 2013. With family and loved ones, they are affectionate, but in business they are straight down the line. I read somewhere that the sea snake is the most venomous, yet least obviously so. If you have a year of the water snake friend, (born 1953), you will find they are their quietest and most removed when most upset or angered. It's normal for a water snake to retreat when hurt, and hide the emotion of it as they leave. But if you grab their tail while they are making their way away from you and into the depths, you won't see it coming. Their strike is sudden, silent, and skilful. They are quite the negotiator and very good at understanding other people's emotions, motivations, and the 'selling point.'

Snake's opposite on the Chinese astrological wheel is the Pig. Pig year people should take extra care in business, health, and travel this year 2013, and treat the snake with due respect as our opposites teach us the most about ourselves. As a result, Pig should Learn to dance with, instead of against the energy of this year. Belly dancing may come in handy for Pig year people, and dancing of all kinds is a good fitness and social activity for all the signs this year.

Meditation is also an important aspect for the snake year, as meditation returns one to themselves and allows greater clarity about their life and surroundings. In the snake year, it is said one should remain alert, meditation as a practice of mindfulness, is an alertness of a higher level which allows greater perception of events going on, and as a result more carefully measured responses instead of 'reactions.' It also brings greater connection to one's own intuitive faculties which allow you to respond in the most effective way with greater wisdom. This makes turning tricky or difficult situations into prosperous ones far easier and more graceful, and snake is most graceful in its movements normally.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jf4dSysBxZo>

I first learnt and performed the snake dance nearly twenty years ago after quite an interesting esoteric experience. I also have two bite marks on my skin which appeared in 2008 in a freak accident, which prevented me from accepting a position on a national television show. Those marks never left, and neither has the wisdom that came with the entire overall experience. It led me on a three year journey with the rainbow serpent through a lot of work on earth grids, healing as well as standing back and silently appreciating the power of the land and earth. I work with Aura Soma color therapy and live in the land of the rainbow serpent, and so my experience with the snake totem is very personal and a very spiritual experience I will never forget. Color, light and sound therapy will become more commonly utilised over time, and we should see more done to do with Indigenous rights in Australia and internationally.

There are both light and darks sides to the snake, the rainbow serpent for one example and the basilisk for another. On a lighter note, there should also be some truly wicked and entirely new perfumes come onto the market this year, and I expect the 'smokey' tones of eye shadow look to come back for a while.

If you want to learn more about what the snake year has in store for you personally, book to see Jacqueline. Visit <http://www.jacqueline.com.au>