

## WFWP Stuttgart, Germany's Celebration of the Chinese Year of the Dog 2018

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### WFWP Stuttgart, Germany's first event in 2018- '2018-Chinese Year of the Dog'

After chatting over coffee and cake, we were introduced to the official part of the afternoon by Gabriel Schickert. What is the meaning of the Chinese Year of the Dog?

Ute Lemme gave a presentation explaining the Chinese horoscope system, which was first used by the Chinese 5000 years ago, making it the oldest known horoscope system, and in which 12 signs of the zodiac (rat/mouse-, buffalo/ox/bull, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep/goat, monkey, rooster, dog, pig) all play a role with their special attributes. They are assigned one after the other depending on year of birth. Using a projector, Ute demonstrated the characteristics of the birth year of each of the participants by projecting the appropriate zodiac animal sign.

The start of the Chinese year depends on the moon cycles and always falls between 21 January and 21 February. This year, 2018, the year of the dog, begins on 16 February. In addition, the even-numbered years are affected by the Yang-principle, the odd numbers by the Yin. Just as in Western astrology, the ascending, or hourly regents, play a big role. Thus the 12 signs of the zodiac are assigned to double hours, beginning with the rat from 23.00 until 1.00, continuing with the buffalo from 1.00 until 3.00 and so on. The character of a person is thus influenced by the exact time of birth.

Especially significant in Chinese astrology are the five elements, which are connected with five of the earlier known planets: Venus: metal, Jupiter: wood, Mercury: water, Mars: fire and Saturn: earth. These five elements are assigned one after the other to the 12 zodiac signs so that the same arrangement only recurs every 60 years. They additionally influence the character of those born in such years. And on top of

this, these elements are assigned to the seasons influencing not only the time, but also the season of birth: spring-wood, Jupiter; summer-fire, Mars; late summer-earth, Saturn; autumn-metal, Venus; winter-water, Mercury.

We now considered the question: what does the year of the dog have in store for us?

Ute explained to us that in this year, 2018, the basic qualities of a dog-loyalty, diligence and reliability-are supported by the element, earth. Reliability, loyalty and discipline come to the fore this year. Diligence is of great importance and years of effort will pay off. Most of the participants took advantage of the additional opportunity to have a prediction made for 2018 for each zodiac sign; according to year of birth, a prediction was made and we were surprised at how much the reading fitted the corresponding person!

We rounded off this event with a video from Lea Hamann: Prophecies 2018. She leads and coaches a Network for Awakening Souls'. The video outlined three topics which will be of importance in 2018:

- welcome new things, be at home in the earth, in your body
- cleanse the earth from bad energy and waste
- be elevated by great waves of power and wisdom

Finally, we sat together over refreshments and discussed all that we had heard and seen, and it was clear that the audience had all been very impressed by the fascinating presentation. The next event, a Blessing celebration on 4 February, was announced.

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