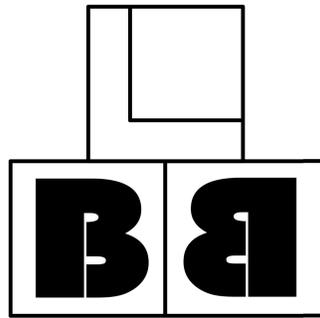


**Chinese
Deities
Calendar
2019**



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China is a vast country full of mysteries, strange events and important history and myths. In this calendar-organizer we will have a look at the 12 most important (and most worshipped) Chinese Deities from the beginning of the human civilization on Earth until our modern era. It is not a coincidence that the Chinese history goes back to the Big Bang. The Chinese had quite a lot of time to visualize their pantheons. Some of the Gods were humans who were enlightened and evolved to become powerful deities. Other Gods were created through the philosophy of Yin and Yang (good/evil, male/female etc.). Of course there are hundreds (if not thousands) of deities but let's have a closer look to the 12 most famous and powerful ones. Each deity is associated with a month...

2008—Year of the Rat

2009—Year of the Ox

2010—Year of the Tiger

2011—Year of the Rabbit

2012—Year of the Dragon

2013—Year of the Snake

2014—Year of the Horse

2015—Year of the Goat

2016—Year of the Monkey

2017—Year of the Rooster

2018—Year of the Dog

2019—Year of the Pig

2019

Calendar
YEAR OF THE PIG



1-JANUARY-Shujun, the Ox God

Names: Chiyou, Niu-Lang, Zhi-Nu, Yijun, Shangjun

Basic Characteristics: Lucky, Heroic, Hard Working

Associated Items: Ox-powered Carriage, Lucky Pendant

God's Location: China

Gender/Nature: Female

Rules Over: Sacrificial Offerings, Farming, Plowing, Earthquakes



This God was once living in a constellation far away from Earth. The Emperor of Heaven felt sorry about the people of Earth who were starving and decided to help them so he contacted Shujun and this is how the Ox God came to Earth.

The Emperor of Heaven told Shujun to bring the message to the people of Earth that if they work hard they will have a meal every three days but Shujun didn't understand the Emperor well and told people that if they work hard they will have three meals every day.

This incident made the Emperor very angry and instructed Shujun to come down to Earth and create oxes that would help people with farming and food production.

The Ox God is a legendary culture hero of ancient times in China. He instructed many Chinese Emperors (e.g. Huangdi, the Yellow Emperor) on perfecting agricultural practice and productivity. He invented the Ox-Cart.

It is believed that nowadays, Shujun is one of the guardians of Hell.

January 2019

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 <p>Full Moon: January 21, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: OX</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: EARTH</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: AQUAMARINE</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 01:00–03:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Green, Yellow, Brown, Black</p>

**2-FEBRUARY-Emperor Jade, The
Supreme Chinese God of the Heavens**

**Names: Yu-Huang, Yu-Huang-Shangdi, Yu
-Huang-Shang-Ti, Tian-Gong, Tien-Kung**

**Basic Characteristics: Emperor,
Supreme Ruler**

**Associated Items: Jade's Pi-Disc, Su-
preme Talisman**

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male

**Rules over: The Heavens, Earth, Dei-
ties, Humans, Animals**



Here we have the ultimately supreme Heavenly Ruler of Chinese Mythology. Jade was the creator of the Universe and a Lord of the "Imperial Court", responsible for judging Gods, Humans and all living things.

When the Universe was first created it was chaotic and dark. Emperor Jade helped bring light and balance/order to the Cosmos. This supreme God achieved perfect Godliness by spending a billion centuries meditating and receiving enlightenment from the Cosmos. After becoming the Heavenly Ruler, his words became the Law and other Gods admitted that He was the one and only ruler of the Heavens. Earthly Emperors were ruling the Earth under Jade's "Mandate of Heaven". The Heavenly Emperor had countless servants and followers who made sure that His word and the Law would be obeyed. Every year, these followers filed an annual report to Jade with all the important incidents that happened on Earth during the past year. Jade had many titles some of which are: "Most Venerable Ruler", "Emperor of the Heavenly Golden Palace", "Supreme High Emperor of the Heavens", "Holder of Talismans", "Ruler of Perfection" and so on...

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 <p>Full Moon: February 19, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: TIGER</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: WOOD</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: SAPPHIRE</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 03:00–05:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Green, Blue, White, Yellow</p>

3-MARCH-Ao Chin, God of the Seas

Names: Ao-Chin, Ao-Ch'in

Basic Characteristics: In Spirit Form

**Associated Items: Funky Clothing,
Golden Cap**

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male

Rules over: Seas, Sailors, Ships, Fishes



This God was a great king of the Southern Ocean (Pacific).

He was famous for being a Dragon-Ruler on his own. Ao Chin ruled over all the seas of planet Earth.

Along with Nu-Gua, the Creator Goddess, they gave life to thousands of species who then inhabited the oceans.

Ao Chin's favorite sea was the Pacific Ocean and especially the region closer to the lands south of modern China.

This God had the ability to take the form of a Spirit and he could be evoked by wise humans and other Gods.

Sailors and Ship Captains had specific ceremonies to evoke Ao Chin for help when there was trouble during sea travelling.

This strong and wise Spirit-God once entered the challenge to command a Dragon on his own and he was the first among Gods who managed to succeed.

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 <p>Full Moon: March 21, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: RABBIT</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: WATER</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: PEARL</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 05:00–07:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Blue, White, Grey</p>

**4-APRIL-Seiryuu, The Azure
Dragon, God of Slaughter**

**Names: Seiryuu, Meng Zhang, Cheong-
Ryong, Thanh Long**

**Basic Characteristics: Ghost Hunter,
Leader, Mysterious**

**Associated Items: Magic Sword,
Eternal Flame**

God's Location: China

Gender/Nature: Male

**Rules Over: Slaughter, Crimes, Dragon
God Clan, Spring**



Seiryuu, the Azure Dragon God or God of Slaughter is one of the four Gods who guard and observe the world from the four directions of the compass/horizon. The other three guardians are the Vermillion Bird or Ling Guang, the White Tiger or Jian Bing and the Black Tortoise or Zhi Ming.

There's also a fifth deity that governs the Center and is also a Dragon called Huang-Long (Yellow Dragon). The element of the Azure Dragon God is the Water and he usually appears to govern the East. He is also associated with Spring and it is believed that he guided many Chinese Emperors (e.g. the Tang Dynasty and the Liao Dynasty) for thousands of years in the journey for evolution and progress.

This God had the ability to confuse others and make them unable to comprehend him. In Japan the God of Slaughter is said to guard the cities and protect from intruders this is why many Japanese cities have temples dedicated to him. Both the Chinese and the Japanese celebrate the coming of Spring with a special ceremony every year dedicated to the Azure Dragon.

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 <p>Full Moon: April 19, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: DRAGON</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: FIRE</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: AMETHYST</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 07:00–09:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Black, Golden, Green</p>

5-MAY-Guan Yin, Goddess of Protection

Names: Guan-Yin, Chuan-Yin, Kuan-Yin, Kwan-Yin

Basic Characteristics: Protective, Caring, Lovefull, Compassionate

Associated Items: Own Milk, Bowl of Rice

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Female

Rules over: Protection, Women, Child-birth, Babies



This Supreme Goddess was one of the four famous "Bodhisattvas" (very important deities of Chinese Buddhism) and her mission was to protect the innocent, the poor, all the people who suffered.

Her resume consisted of many cases where she prevented poverty from establishing in houses, she offered food for those who were hungry and she gave comfort to individuals who were suffering. One characteristic of Guan Yin was that she never accepted something in return for her aid. She was also known in India (as Avalokitesvara) and in Japan (as Kannon) and in many other places all around Earth. After accepting much enlightenment she was offered a place in the Heavens along with the other Buddhas. Guan Yin was pleased but when she was about to lift off she heard the crying babies looking for her and she decided to stay on Earth and become a protector of the planet. This Deity was evoked very often by those who were in trouble and this happens until nowadays. She could take the form of any living thing but she preferred to appear in a human female form. Guan Yin was well known for her ability to make a woman fertile.

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 <p>Full Moon: May 18, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: SNAKE</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: EARTH</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: OPAL</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 09:00–11:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Green, Golden, Brown</p>

6-JUNE-Cao Gojiu God of Theater

Names: Cao-Guo-jiu, Kao-Gojiu, Tsiao-Kuo-Chiu

Basic Characteristics: Immortal, Theater Fan, Actor's Patron

Associated Items: Unique Music Organ, Pen & paper

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male

Rules over: Theater, Actors, Performers



This major God of the Chinese Pantheon ruled over the concept of "Theater" and he was the protector of stage performers and actors, singers, acrobats etc.

Cao Gojiu was a Chinese Emperor when he was human. He hated the corruption in China and he decided to become a Monk in a meditation monastery in the mountains.

While meditating he discovered another God who was ancient and powerful. His name was Lu-Dong-Bin.

They become friends and Cao Guojiu was taught immortality and the knowledge of the "Elixir of Immortality".

After becoming a powerful and knowledgeable entity, Cao-Guojou decided to patronage actors and then all performers.

He continued his brilliant career by teaching the secrets of the Theater art to wannabe actors and entertainers.

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 <p>Full Moon: June 17, 2019</p>				 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: HORSE</p>		
 <p>Ruling Element: METAL</p>				<p>Associated Gem Stone: TOPAZ</p>		
<p>Magic Hours of day: 11:00–13:00</p>				<p>Lucky Colors: Black, Yellow, White</p>		

7-JULY-Lan Caihe, God of Poverty

Names: Lan-Caihe, Lan-Cai-He, Lan-Zaihe, Lan-Ts'ai-He

Basic Characteristics: Immortal, Eccentric

Associated Items: Bizzare dress, Single boot, Wooden belt

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male as a God (female as human)

Rules over: Poverty



This powerful Chinese God was one of the "Eight Immortals" (more about them later) and he is one of the strangest and more eccentric deities of the Chinese Pantheon.

He enjoyed making people's lives difficult and mixing situations and things. Lan Caihe was a herb seller when he was human and he enjoyed drinking alcohol and consuming various drugs. Some say he had a female nature (could be he was a "She" when he was a human). This God earned "Immortality" when he helped another God who disguised as a beggar and asked to be healed and treated. Lan Caihe helped the beggar and he was generously rewarded. Immortality changed Lan Caihe a lot. From being a caring and loving deity towards humans he started hating them for their ignorance and greed. Once, he made an important deal with a human king who betrayed him and from then on Lan Caihe decided to become the God of poverty destroying the fortunes of humans. After messing the lives of many people (unless they obeyed His commands), Lan Caihe was given the title: "God of Poverty". This is not a deity you want to hang around with.

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 <p>Full Moon: July 16, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: SHEEP</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: WATER</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: EMERALD</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 13:00–15:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Yellow, Green, Blue</p>

8-AUGUST-Sun Wukong, The Monkey God

**Names: Sun-Wukong, Sun-Wu-Kong, Sun-
Wu-K'ung, Sun-Hou-Zi, Sun-Hou-Tze**

**Basic Characteristics: Deceiver, Trick-
ster, Volatile**

Associated Items: Magic Wand

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male & Female

**Rules over: Sages, Funny Situations,
Mayhem**



One of the most worshipped and infamous Chinese Deities is Sun Wukong, the Monkey God. He was the hero of the amazing novel "Journey to the West", written by notorious writer Wu-Cheng-En in the 16th Century. This novel is a must-read for all those looking for enlightenment and spiritual guidance.

The Monkey God was born a very long time ago and he was a selfish and arrogant entity. He always enjoyed pranks. Soon he became King of the Apes but he had a huge fear, the fear of Death. So, Sun Wukong decided to seek "Immortality" and he became a follower of Father Subodhi who was a DAOist Sage. It was then that the Monkey God was given the title: "Disciple Aware of Emptiness". Father Subodhi revealed the secrets of "Illumination" and "Cloud Flying" to Sun Wukong and also the secret of the 72 transformations. Once, a big monster came to scare the Monkey God and prevent him from becoming Immortal. Sun Wukong asked for help from the Dragon King Ao-Kuang who gave him a powerful weapon of mass destruction. With this magical weapon, the Monkey God killed the monster and from then on he turned into an Immortal God.

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 <p>Full Moon: August 15, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: MONKEY</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: FIRE</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: PERIDOT</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 15:00–17:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: White, Golden, Violet, Green</p>

**9-SEPTEMBER-Yen Lo Wang,
God of Death**

Names: Yen-Lo-Wang, Bao-Yan-Luo, Yan-Luo-Wang, Yanluo-Wang

**Basic Characteristics: Lord of Hell,
Death world resident**

Associated Items: Dark Robe

God's Location (Base): South China

Gender/Nature: Male

Rules over: Death, Dead People



This Chinese God was the God of the Dead and he was considered one of the most powerful entities of the Chinese Pantheon (people still worship this God in China and other Asian countries). He had the title of the "Lord of the 5th Floor of Hell".

Yen Lu Wang was ruler of the 1st Floor of Hell but Entities of Heaven accused him of treating souls well. When he was ruler of the 1st Floor of Hell, the Heavens were filled with souls and the place became crowded because Yen Lu Wang would send the souls to Heaven instead of sentencing them in the boiling Hell. The entities of Heaven wanted to prevent spiritual overpopulation and thus they advised Emperor Jade to move Yen Lu Wang to the 5th Floor of Hell so that the situation between Heaven and Hell would be balanced again. In the 5th Floor the God of Death made the sentenced souls feel as miserable as possible so that all Gods were happy again.

Yen Lu Wang had a team of five lethal assistants who carried his wishes to fulfillment. He knew everything about the actions and the thoughts of every man and woman (as well as the date of their death).

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 <p>Full Moon: September 14, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: ROOSTER</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: EARTH</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: CITRINE</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 17:00–19:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Brown, Green</p>

**10-OCTOBER-Nu Gua,
The Creator Goddess**

Names: Nu-Gua, Nuwa, No-wa, Nu-wa, Nu-gua, Nu-Khua, Nu-Kwa

**Basic Characteristics: Creator of
Mankind**

Associated Items: Vine, Colored Stones

God's Location (Base): -

Gender/Nature: Female

**Rules over: Creation, Marriage, Rivers,
Serpents**



It was God Pan-Gu who formed the universe (and still forms it). He also created the Earth with just rock and mud. But it was Goddess Nu Gua who created the first living thing on Earth. Nu Gua later created the first human.

Imagine that the reason for the creation of man was because everything seemed very boring on planet Earth. After many centuries since the first human, Nu-Gua was the most worshipped entity on planet Earth. Men and women enjoyed her wisdom and evoked her during marriage ceremonies.

The Creator Goddess decided to marry Fu-Xi, one of the notorious "Three Sovereigns". He became one of the rulers of mankind and a great teacher. The human civilization entered a Golden Age after the marriage of Fu-Xi and Nu Gua.

There were rival Gods at that time who decided to disturb the harmony. They created a great flood and the whole mankind was devastated.

After the times of destruction Nu Gua restored everything by using her supreme powers.

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 <p>Full Moon: October 13, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: DOG</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: WOOD</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: DIAMOND</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 19:00–21:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Silver, White, Red</p>

11-NOVEMBER-Guan Yu, God of War

Names: Guan-Yun-Chang, Guan-Gong,
Guan-Di, Kuan-Yu, Kuan-Kung, Kuan-Ti,
Zhang-Yun, Chang-Yun, Chang-Sheng,
Zhang-Sheng

Basic Characteristics: Bold, Straight-
forward, Immortal, Enjoys Battles

Associated Items: Magic Weapons

God's Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male

Rules over: War, Martial Arts



This is a powerful Deity that rules upon War, Weapons, Battles etc. Since every day in life is a battle of its own, this God was (and still is) a very important member of the Chinese Pantheon. Every Buddhist has the responsibility to respect and worship the God of War.

Guan Yu started as a mortal soya vendor. After a bizarre incident which involved the rescue of a harassed lady and the killing of a tax inspector, Guan Yu tasted battle for the first time. From then on he began a famous journey full of military quests and he became one of the "3 Brothers of the Peach Orchard".

The God of War preferred to avoid battles and confrontations (if this was possible) but his bravery and strong mind were legendary.

After much enlightenment he also became patron God of Policemen because he enjoyed defending Law and Justice.

Guan Yu had a sensitive soul and heart. He enjoyed literature and he was famous for reading a whole page of a Confucius text without blinking his eyes.

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 <p>Full Moon: November 12, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: PIG</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: METAL</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: RUBY</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 21:00–23:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: White, Red</p>

**12-DECEMBER-Ba Xian, The 8 Im-
mortals, Deities of Perfection**

Names: Ba-Xian, Pa-Hsien

**Basic Characteristics: Immortals,
Perfectionists**

**Associated Items: High quality robes,
Magic Scarf, Lucky Pendants**

Gods' Location (Base): China

Gender/Nature: Male & Female

Rule over: Perfection



Here we have a team of 8 individuals who gained "Immortality" through a series of strange events. Here are their names: Cao-Guojiu: Royal Outcast, Han-Xiangzi: Flying Philosopher, Zhongli-Quan: God of Explosives, Zhang-Guolao: Stubborn Deity, Lu-Dongbin: God of Tactical Warfare, Li-Tieguai: Body Snatcher, Lan-Caihe: A Drunk & Disorientated Entity, He-Xiangu: God of Flowers.

Each of the 8 Immortals was associated with a different aspect of "DAOist" perfection. They formed their team over the centuries and because they were not enlightened enough to reach the "Heavens", they decided to stay on Earth and start their ventures on our mother-planet.

So, they went to the island of Penglai-Shan and established their base there. The Ba Xian went through a lot of quests and adventures according to the legends that exist today in the Eastern parts of the planet. They fought against dragons and demon spirits and they brought balance and peace and harmony to all those who treated them with respect. Recently the 8 Immortals became a popular TV series.

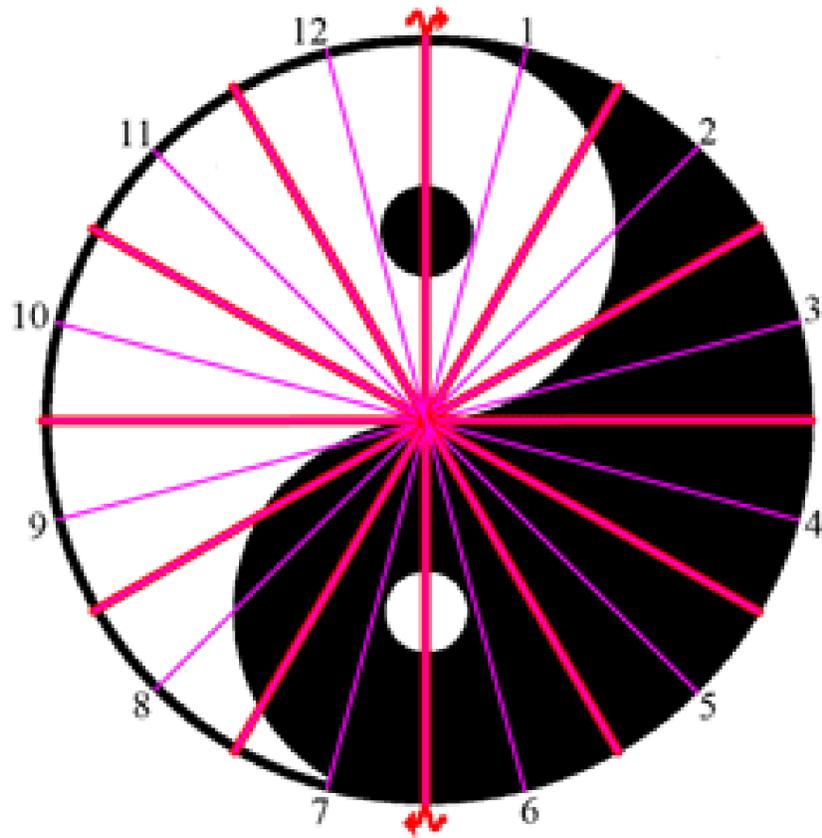
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 <p>Full Moon: December 12, 2019</p>	 <p>Associated Chinese Sign: RAT</p>
 <p>Ruling Element: FIRE</p>	<p>Associated Gem Stone: GARNET</p>
<p>Magic Hours of day: 23:00-01:00</p>	<p>Lucky Colors: Black, Red, White, Purple</p>

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