## 7.8 A General Forecast for Your Year to Come

This practicum introduces the lunisolar calendar and how to combine East Asian astrology and Plum Blossom numerology in the I Ching to run forecasts.

### **Your Birth Month**

Use the reference table in the back of this worksheet titled "24 Solar Terms and Western Dates" to get the conversion of your date of birth to its corresponding lunar month.

### **EXAMPLES:**

If your birthday is March 1 per the Western Gregorian calendar, then per the "24 Solar Terms and Western Dates" conversion table, the Lunar Month equivalent is Lunar Month 1, month of the Tiger. For "Birth Month" per Plum Blossom numerology, your value would be "1."

Season	Lunar Month	Fixed Element	Solar Longitude	Solar Term	Western Date
Spring	1 寅 (yin)	Wood	314°	立春 lìchūn	Feb 04 – Feb 18
	Tiger		329°	雨水 yǔshuǐ	Feb 19 – Mar 05

If your birthday is September 24, then the Lunar Month correspondence is Lunar Month 8, corresponding with the Rooster. For your "Birth Month" per Plum Blossom numerology, your value would be "8."

Lunar Month	Fixed Element	Solar Longitude	Solar Term	Western Date
8 酉 (you)	Metal	164°	白露 báilù	Sep 08 – Sep 22
Rooster		181°	秋分 qiūfēn	Sep 23 – Oct 07

## Your Birth Day

For a conversion of your Gregorian birth day to the lunisolar calendar, you will need to consult an almanac, such as the **Gregorian-Lunar Calendar Conversion Tables** published by the Hong Kong Observatory:



The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

## https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/gts/time/conversion.htm

#### **EXAMPLES:**

For the birthday September 24, 1981, start by finding the year 1981 in the Calendar Conversion Table.

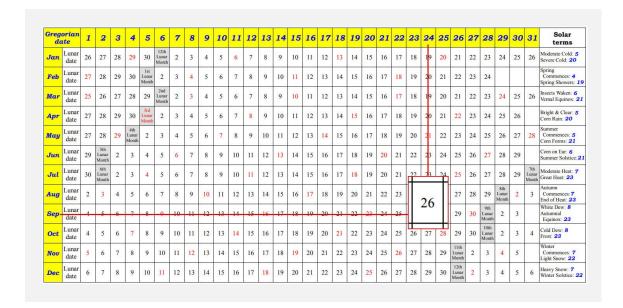
### **Gregorian-Lunar Calendar Conversion Table**

		Please use m	ouse to choose	a year (1901 to	o 2100), the cor	nversion table is	in pdf format.		
<u>1901</u>	1902	1903	1904	<u>1905</u>	1906	1907	1908	1909	<u>1910</u>
<u>1911</u>	<u>1912</u>	1913	1914	<u>1915</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>1917</u>	1918	1919	<u>1920</u>
1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	<u>1930</u>
<u>1931</u>	1932	1933	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	1938	1939	<u>1940</u>
<u>1941</u>	1942	1943	1944	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	1947	1948	1949	<u>1950</u>
<u>1951</u>	1952	1953	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	1958	1959	<u>1960</u>
<u>1961</u>	1962	1963	1964	<u>1965</u>	1966	1967	1968	1969	<u>1970</u>
<u>1971</u>	1972	1973	1974	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	1977	1978	1979	<u>1980</u>
<u>1981</u>	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	<u>1990</u>
<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	2000

A PDF file will open in your browser. Cross-reference the Gregorian calendar month (vertical) with the day (horizontal) to convert to the lunisolar calendar **Birth Day**.

For the example September 24 from the Gregorian calendar, the lunisolar calendar Birth Day conversion is to **26**. September 24, 1981 corresponds with Lunar Month 8 and **Day 26** of that lunar month.

See the subsequent page for the Gregorian-Lunar Calendar Conversion Table for 1981 (Year of the Rooster), sourced from the Hong Kong Observatory.



## Your Birth Year

This will be a number 1 through 60 based on the 60-year or sexagenary lunisolar calendar. A reference table is provided at the back of this worksheet, "60-Year Lunisolar Calendar." Locate your date of birth per the Gregorian calendar. Then note its corresponding lunisolar year (numbered 1 through 60).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Per the "60-Year Lunisolar Calendar" table in the back of this worksheet, the birthday September 24, 1981 corresponds with the lunisolar year of the Metal Rooster.

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戊 Wu	午 Wu	己 Ji	未 Wei	庚 Geng	申 Shen	辛 Xin	酉 You	壬 Ren	戌 Xu	癸 Gui	亥 Hai
Fire I	Horse	Earth	Goat	Metal Monkey		Metal l	Rooster	Water	Dog	Water Pig	
1	1978 - 1979	,		Feb 16 Feb 04		1		Jan 25 1 Feb 12		1	
	2038 - 2039		2039 - 1 2040		2040 - 2041			Jan 22 2 Feb 09			

The birth year of the Metal Rooster corresponds with Year 59 of the 60-year lunisolar cycle. Thus, the Birth Year numerology will be number 59. For someone born on December 26, 1978, the lunisolar year is that of the Fire Horse, or Year 55.

For the Upper Trigram, **input your month, day, and year of birth, converted to the lunisolar calendar**. Typically, hexagrams are built bottom up (lower trigram first, then upper). However, for this astrological casting method, the fixed date of birth of the querent is the upper trigram corresponding with fixed "fate" and it is the lower trigram that changes.

## **Upper Trigram**

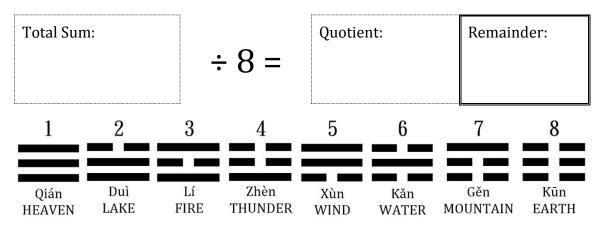
Birth Month		Birth Day		Birth Year		Total Sum
	+		+		=	

Add the month, day, and year together for the Total Sum.

### **NOTE:**

- The number for your lunisolar Birth Month will be a value between 1 and 12.
- The number for your lunisolar Birth Day will be a value between 1 and 30.
- The number for your lunisolar Birth Year will be a value between 1 and 60.

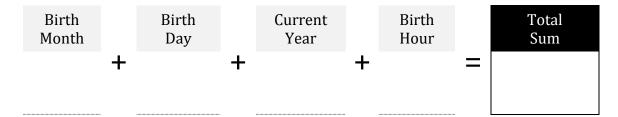
Once you get the Total Sum for your converted lunisolar date of birth, divide the Total Sum by 8. Note the remainder.



The Remainder value corresponds with the **Upper Trigram**. Note your Upper Trigram result in the space provided below. Turn to Chapter 5 of the *I Ching, The Oracle* text and take note of the trigram correspondences. Areas of life associated with this trigram are more likely to be impacted during this period of time.

Upper Trigram	

### **Lower Trigram**



For the Lower Trigram, we are going to do something a bit different. Instead of doing a traditional horary chart reading, this will be more akin to a solar return reading. Use your birth month and birth day again, but for the year, put in the current year that you are running a general forecast for. Additionally, this calculation will include your birth hour (ascendant).

**CURRENT YEAR:** Once again, turn to the reference table provided at the back of this worksheet, "60-Year Lunisolar Calendar." Locate your birthday and the <u>current year</u> per the Gregorian calendar. Then note its corresponding lunisolar year (numbered 1 through 60). That number, 1 through 60, is what you write for the Current Year.

### Your Birth Hour

11:00 am -

12:59 pm

1:00 pm -

2:59 pm

Locate your ascendant hour of birth in Table 7.9 provided below. The number 1 through 12 corresponding with your ascendant hour is the numerical value to write under "Birth Hour" in the table below.

1 2 3 4 5 6 ýP 子 丑 巴 寅 辰 Zi Si Chou Yin Chen Mao Tiger Rat  $\mathbf{O}\mathbf{x}$ Rabbit Dragon Snake Water Wood Fire Earth Wood Earth 11:00 pm -1:00 am -3:00 am -5:00 am -7:00 am -9:00 am -12:59 am 2:59 am 4:59 am 6:59 am 8:59 am 10:59 am 7 8 9 **10** 11 12 申 未 酉 戌 亥 Wei You Xu Hai Wu Shen Horse Sheep Monkey Rooster Dog Boar Fire Earth Metal Metal Earth Water

5:00 pm -

6:59 pm

7:00 pm -

8:59 pm

9:00 pm -

10:59 pm

3:00 pm -

4:59 pm

Table 7.9 Numerology of the Hour (Earthly Branches)

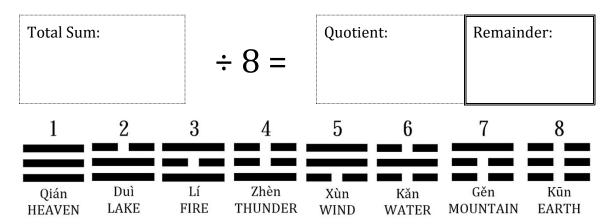
### **EXAMPLES:**

The ascendant hour of one born at 1:30 am, per Table 7.9, is an Earth Ox, which in Plum Blossom Numerology corresponds with the value 2. Thus, the numerical value of the Birth Hour to use for the calculation would be the number 2.

Someone born at 3:30 pm would be a Metal Monkey, which corresponds with Birth Hour 9.

**If you do not know your birth hour**, then simply put down "0" and only add up your Birth Month, Birth Day, and Current Year to get the Total Sum for your Lower Trigram.

Add the four numbers together to arrive at the sum. Divide the sum by 8. Note the remainder.



The Remainder value corresponds with the **Lower Trigram**. Note your Lower Trigram result in the space provided below. Turn to Chapter 5 of the *I Ching, The Oracle* text and take note of the trigram correspondences. Areas of life associated with this trigram are more likely to be impacted during this period of time.

Lower Trigram	

In the table on the subsequent page, populate the results for the Upper Trigram and the Lower Trigram, then look up the cast hexagram in Table 1.1.

Upper Trigram:		Your Hexagram R	esult:
Lower Trigram:			
The Oracle message is a	a general forecast for	the year you divined	l on.
	m for the <b>Lower Trig</b> nd now divide by 6. N	_	
Lower Trigram:			
Total Sum:		Quotient:	Remainder:
	÷ 6 =		
The Remainder	value is the Changing	g Line number.	
The Line message will	be key advice the Ora	icle is giving you for	navigating that year.

# 24 Solar Terms and Western Dates

Season	Lunar Month	Fixed Element	Solar Longitude	Solar Term	Western Date
Spring	1 寅 (yin)	Wood	314°	立春 lìchūn	Feb 04 – Feb 18
	Tiger		329°	雨水 yǔshuǐ	Feb 19 – Mar 05
	2 IP (mao)	Water	344°	啓蟄 qǐzhé (驚蟄 jīngzhé)	Mar 06 – Mar 20
	Rabbit		0°	春分 chūnfēn	Mar 21 – Apr 04
	3 辰 (chen)	Earth	14°	清明 qīngmíng	Apr 05 – Apr 19
	Dragon		29°	穀雨 gǔyǔ	Apr 20 – May 4
Summer	4 巳 (si)	Fire	44°	立夏 lìxià	May 5 – May 20
	Snake		59°	小滿 xiǎomǎn	May 21 – June 5
	5 午 (wu) Horse	Fire	74°	芒種 mángzhòng	Jun 06 – Jun 20
			89°	夏至 xiàzhì	Jun 21 – Jul 06
	6 未 (wei)	Earth	104°	小暑 xiǎoshǔ	Jul 07 – Jul 22
	Goat		119°	大暑 dàshǔ	Jul 23 – Aug 06
Autumn	7 申 (shen)	Metal	134°	立秋 lìqiū	Aug 07 – Aug 22
	Monkey		149°	處暑 chùshǔ	Aug 23 – Sep 07
	8 酉 (you)	Metal	164°	白露 báilù	Sep 08 – Sep 22
			181°	秋分 qiūfēn	Sep 23 –

Season	Lunar Month	Fixed Element	Solar Longitude	Solar Term	Western Date
	Rooster				Oct 07
	9 戌 (xu)	Earth	194°	寒露 hánlù	Oct 08 – Oct 22
	Dog		211°	霜降 shuāngjiàng	Oct 23 – Nov 06
Winter	10 亥 (hai)	Water	224°	立冬 lìdōng	Nov 07 – Nov 21
	Pig		244°	小雪 xiǎoxuě	Nov 22 – Dec 06
	11 子 (zi) Rat	Water	251°	大雪 dàxuě	Dec 07 – Dec 21
			271°	冬至 dōngzhì	Dec 22 – Jan 05
	12 丑 (chou)	Earth	284°	小寒 xiǎohán	Jan 06 – Jan 19
	Ox		301°	大寒 dàhán	Jan 20 – Feb 3

# 60-Year Lunisolar Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	
甲子	乙丑	丙 寅	丁卯	戊辰	己巳	
Jia Zi	Yi Chou	Bing Yin	Ding Mao	Wu Chen	Ji Si	
Wood Rat	Wood Ox	Fire Tiger	Fire Rabbit	Earth Dragon	Earth Snake	
Feb 05 1924 –	Jan 24 1925 –	Feb 13 1926 –	Feb 02 1927 –	Jan 22 1928 –	Feb 09 1929 –	
Jan 23 1925	Feb 12 1926	Feb 01 1927	Jan 21 1928	Feb 08 1929	Jan 28 1930	
Feb 02 1984 -	Feb 20 1985 -	Feb 09 1986 –	Jan 29 1987 –	Feb 17 1988 -	Feb 06 1989 –	
Feb 19 1985	Feb 08 1986	Jan 28 1987	Feb 16 1988	Feb 05 1989	Jan 26 1990	
7	8	9	10	11	12	
庚	辛 未	壬 申	癸 酉	甲 戌	乙 亥	
Geng Wu	Xin Wei	Ren Shen	Gui You	Jia Xu	Yi Hai	
Metal Horse	Metal Goat	Water Monkey	Water Rooster	Wood Dog	Wood Pig	
Jan 29 1930 –	Feb 17 1931 –	Feb 06 1932 –	Jan 25 1933 –	Feb 14 1934 –	Feb 03 1935 –	
Feb 16 1931	Feb 05 1932	Jan 24 1933	Feb 13 1934	Feb 02 1935	Jan 23 1936	
Jan 27 1990 –	Feb 14 1991 -	Feb 04 1992 –	Jan 23 1993 –	Feb 10 1994 –	Jan 31 1995 –	
Feb 14 1991	Feb 03 1992	Jan 22 1993	Feb 09 1994	Jan 30 1995	Feb 18 1996	
13	14	15	16	17	18	
丙	T ∄	戊 寅	己 卯	庚 辰	辛 巳	
Bing Zi	Ding Chou	Wu Yin	Ji Mao	Geng Chen	Xin Si	
Fire Rat	Fire Ox	Earth Tiger	Earth Rabbit	Metal Dragon	Metal Snake	
Jan 24 1936 –	Feb 11 1937 –	Jan 31 1938 –	Feb 19 1939 –	Feb 08 1940 –	Jan 27 1941 –	
Feb 10 1937	Jan 30 1938	Feb 18 1939	Feb 07 1940	Jan 26 1941	Feb 14 1942	
Feb 19 1996 –	Feb 07 1997 –	Jan 28 1998 –	Feb 16 1999 –	Feb 05 2000 –	Jan 24 2001 –	
Feb 06 1997	Jan 27 1998	Feb 15 1999	Feb 04 2000	Jan 23 2001	Feb 11 2002	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
壬	癸 未	甲 申	乙 酉	丙 戌	丁 亥	
Ren Wu	Gui Wei	Jia Shen	Yi You	Bing Xu	Ding Hai	
Water Horse	e Water Goat Wood Monkey Wood		Wood Roster	Fire Dog	Fire Boar	
Feb 15 1942 –	Feb 05 1943 –	Jan 25 1944 –	Feb 13 1945 –	Feb 02 1946 –	Jan 22 1947 –	
Feb 04 1943	Jan 24 1944	Feb 12 1945	Feb 01 1946	Jan 21 1947	Feb 09 1948	
Feb 12 2002 –	Feb 01 2003 –	Jan 22 2004 –	Feb 09 2005 –	Jan 29 2006 –	Feb 18 2007 –	
Jan 31 2003	Jan 21 2004	Feb 08 2005	Jan 28 2006	Feb 17 2007	Feb 03 2008	

# 60-year Lunisolar Calendar, continued

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Wu Earth	Zi Rat	Ji Fart	Chou th Ox	Geng Metal	Yin Tiger	Xin Metal	Mao Rabbit	Ren Water	Chen Dragon	Gui Water	Si Snake
Feb 10			1949 –	Feb 17			1951 –		1952 –	Feb 14	
Jan 28			6 1950	Feb 05		1	5 1952		3 1953	Feb 02	
Feb 07 Jan 25		-	2009 - 3 2010	Feb 14 Feb 02	2010 - 2 2011	1	2011 - 2012	Jan 23 Feb 09	2012 - 9 2013	Feb 10 Jan 30	
3	1	3	32	3	3	3	4	3	5	30	5
甲 Jia	午 Wu	乙 Yi	未 Wei	丙 Bing	申 Shen	丁 Ding	酉 You	戊 Wu	戌 Xu	己 Ji	亥 Hai
Wood	Horse	Wood	d Goat	Fire M	onkey	Fire R	ooster	Eartl	n Dog	Earth	Boar
Feb 03 Jan 23			1955 – 1 1956	1	Feb 12 1956 – Jan 30 1957 – Jan 30 1957 – Feb 17 1958		Feb 18 1958 – Feb 07 1959		Feb 08 1959 – Jan 27 1960		
Jan 31 2 Feb 18			2015 - 7 2016	Feb 08 Jan 27		: *	2017 - 5 2018		2018 – 4 2019	Feb 05 Jan 24	
3′	7	3	8	3	9	4	40		1	42	2
庚 Geng	子 Zi	辛 Xin	# Chou	壬 Ren	寅 Yin	癸 Gui	яр Мао	甲 Jia	長 Chen	こ Yi	已 Si
Meta	l Rat	Met	al Ox	Water	Tiger	Water Rabbit		Wood Dragon		Wood Snake	
Jan 28 Feb 14			1961 – 4 1962	Feb 05 Jan 24		1	1963 – 2 1964	1	1964 – 1 1965	Feb 02 Jan 20	
Jan 25 Feb 11			2021 - l 2022	Feb 01 Jan 21			2023 - 9 2024		2024 - 3 2025	Jan 29 2 Feb 16	
4.	3	4	14	4	5	4	6	4	7	48	3
丙 Bing	午 Wu	丁 Ding	未 Wei	戊 Wu	申 Shen	己 Ji	酉 You	庚 Geng	戌 Xu	辛 Xin	亥 Hai
Fire I	ire Horse Fire Goat Earth N		Earth N	Ionkey	y Earth Rooster		Meta	l Dog	Metal	Boar	
Jan 21 Feb 08			1967 - 9 1968	Jan 30 Feb 16		1	1969 - 5 1970	Feb 06 Jan 26	1970 - 5 1971	Jan 27 1 Feb 14	
Feb 17 Feb 05			2027 - 5 2028	Jan 26 Feb 12		1	2029 - 2 2030		2030 - 2 2031	Jan 23 2 Feb 10	

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60-year Lunisolar Calendar, continued

49		50		51		52		53		54	
壬	子	癸	丑	甲	寅	乙	卯	丙	辰	丁	已
Ren	Zi	Gui	Chou	Jia	Yin	Yi	Mao	Bing	Chen	Ding	Si
Water Rat		Water Ox		Wood Tiger		Wood Rabbit		Fire Dragon		Fire Snake	
Feb 15 1972 –		Feb 03 1973 -		Jan 23 1974 –		Feb 11 1975 –		Jan 31 1976 -		Feb 18 1977 -	
Feb 02 1973		Jan 24 1974		Feb 10 1975		Jan 30 1976		Feb 17 1977		Feb 06 1978	
Feb 11 2032 - Jan 30 2033		Jan 31 2033 – Feb 18 2034		Feb 19 2034 – Feb 07 2035				Jan 28 2036 - Feb 14 2037		Feb 15 2037 - Feb 03 2038	
55		56		57		58		59		60	
戊	午	己	未	庚	申	辛	酉	壬	戌	癸	亥
Wu	Wu	Ji	Wei	Geng	Shen	Xin	You	Ren	Xu	Gui	Hai
Fire Horse		Earth Goat		Metal Monkey		Metal Rooster		Water Dog		Water Pig	
Feb 07 1978 – Jan 27 1979		Jan 28 1979 – Feb 15 1980		Feb 16 1980 - Feb 04 1981				Jan 25 1982 – Feb 12 1983		Feb 13 1983 – Feb 01 1984	
Feb 04 2038 – Jan 23 2039		Jan 24 2039 – Feb 11 2040		Feb 12 2040 – Jan 31 2041		Feb 01 2041 – Jan 21 2042		Jan 22 2042 – Feb 09 2043		Feb 10 2043 – Jan 29 2044	