

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) Tiger	Wood	314°	立春 lichūn	Feb 04 – Feb 18
			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) Rooster	Metal	164°	白露 báilù	Sep 08 – Sep 22
		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:



<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 mouse to choose a year (1901 to 2100), the conversion table is in pdf format.

1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	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.

Gregorian date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Solar terms				
Jan	Lunar date	26	27	28	29	30	12th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Moderate Cold: 5 Severe Cold: 20			
Feb	Lunar date	27	28	29	30	1st Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				Spring Commences: 4 Spring Showers: 19			
Mar	Lunar date	25	26	27	28	29	2nd Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Insects Waken: 6 Vernal Equinox: 21			
Apr	Lunar date	27	28	29	30	3rd Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		Bright & Clear: 5 Corn Rain: 20			
May	Lunar date	27	28	29	30	4th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Summer Commences: 5 Corn Forms: 25		
Jun	Lunar date	29			5th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Corn on Ear: 6 Summer Solstice: 21		
Jul	Lunar date	30			6th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	7th Lunar Month Moderate Heat: 7 Great Heat: 23		
Aug	Lunar date	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	26				27	28	29	8th Lunar Month	2	3	Autumn Commences: 7 End of Heat: 23		
Sep	Lunar date	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					26	27	28	29	30	9th Lunar Month	2	3	White Dew: 8 Autumnal Equinox: 23
Oct	Lunar date	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					26	27	28	29	30	10th Lunar Month	2	3	4
Nov	Lunar date	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	11th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	Winter Commences: 7 Light Snow: 22			
Dec	Lunar date	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	12th Lunar Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	Heavy Snow: 7 Winter Solstice: 22		

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.

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		Feb 05 1981 – Jan 24 1982		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	

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	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="margin: 0 10px;">+</div> <div style="margin: 0 10px;">+</div> <div style="margin: 0 10px;">=</div> </div>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">Total Sum</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
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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.

Total Sum:	÷ 8 =	Quotient:	Remainder:
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							
Qían HEAVEN	Duì LAKE	Lí FIRE	Zhèn THUNDER	Xùn WIND	Kǎn WATER	Gě'n MOUNTAIN	Kūn EARTH

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	
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Lower Trigram

Birth Month	+	Birth Day	+	Current Year	+	Birth Hour	=	Total Sum

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 current year 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

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.

Table 7.9 Numerology of the Hour (Earthly Branches)

1	子 Zi	2	丑 Chou	3	寅 Yin	4	卯 Mao	5	辰 Chen	6	巳 Si
Rat		Ox		Tiger		Rabbit		Dragon		Snake	
Water		Earth		Wood		Wood		Earth		Fire	
11:00 pm – 12:59 am		1:00 am – 2:59 am		3:00 am – 4:59 am		5:00 am – 6:59 am		7:00 am – 8:59 am		9:00 am – 10:59 am	
7	午 Wu	8	未 Wei	9	申 Shen	10	酉 You	11	戌 Xu	12	亥 Hai
Horse		Sheep		Monkey		Rooster		Dog		Boar	
Fire		Earth		Metal		Metal		Earth		Water	
11:00 am – 12:59 pm		1:00 pm – 2:59 pm		3:00 pm – 4:59 pm		5:00 pm – 6:59 pm		7:00 pm – 8:59 pm		9:00 pm – 10:59 pm	

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.

Total Sum:	$\div 8 =$	Quotient:	Remainder:
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							
Qián HEAVEN	Duì LAKE	Lí FIRE	Zhèn THUNDER	Xùn WIND	Kǎn WATER	Gě MOUNTAIN	Kūn EARTH

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	
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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 Result:
Lower Trigram:	

The Oracle message is a general forecast for the year you divined on.

Return to the sum for the **Lower Trigram**.

Take that sum and now divide by 6. Note the remainder.

LOWER TRIGRAM:

Total Sum:	$\div 6 =$	Quotient:	Remainder:

The Remainder value is the Changing Line number.

The Line message will be key advice the Oracle 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) Tiger	Wood	314°	立春 lìchūn	Feb 04 – Feb 18
			329°	雨水 yǔshuǐ	Feb 19 – Mar 05
	2 卯 (mao) Rabbit	Water	344°	啓蟄 qǐzhé (驚蟄 jīngzhé)	Mar 06 – Mar 20
			0°	春分 chūnfēn	Mar 21 – Apr 04
	3 辰 (chen) Dragon	Earth	14°	清明 qīngmíng	Apr 05 – Apr 19
			29°	穀雨 gǔyǔ	Apr 20 – May 4
Summer	4 巳 (si) Snake	Fire	44°	立夏 lìxià	May 5 – May 20
			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) Goat	Earth	104°	小暑 xiǎoshǔ	Jul 07 – Jul 22
			119°	大暑 dàshǔ	Jul 23 – Aug 06
Autumn	7 申 (shen) Monkey	Metal	134°	立秋 lìqiū	Aug 07 – Aug 22
			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) Dog	Earth	194°	寒露 hánlù	Oct 08 – Oct 22
			211°	霜降 shuāngjiàng	Oct 23 – Nov 06
Winter	10 亥 (hai) Pig	Water	224°	立冬 lìdōng	Nov 07 – Nov 21
			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) Ox	Earth	284°	小寒 xiǎohán	Jan 06 – Jan 19
			301°	大寒 dàhán	Jan 20 – Feb 3

60-Year Lunisolar Calendar

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

60-year Lunisolar Calendar, continued

25		26		27		28		29		30	
戊 Wu	子 Zi	己 Ji	丑 Chou	庚 Geng	寅 Yin	辛 Xin	卯 Mao	壬 Ren	辰 Chen	癸 Gui	巳 Si
Earth Rat		Earth Ox		Metal Tiger		Metal Rabbit		Water Dragon		Water Snake	
Feb 10 1948 – Jan 28 1949		Jan 29 1949 – Feb 16 1950		Feb 17 1950 – Feb 05 1951		Feb 06 1951 – Jan 26 1952		Jan 27 1952 – Feb 13 1953		Feb 14 1953 – Feb 02 1954	
Feb 07 2008 – Jan 25 2009		Jan 26 2009 – Feb 13 2010		Feb 14 2010 – Feb 02 2011		Feb 03 2011 – Jan 22 2012		Jan 23 2012 – Feb 09 2013		Feb 10 2013 – Jan 30 2014	
31		32		33		34		35		36	
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 Goat		Fire Monkey		Fire Rooster		Earth Dog		Earth Boar	
Feb 03 1954 – Jan 23 1955		Jan 24 1955 – Feb 11 1956		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 2014 – Feb 18 2015		Feb 19 2015 – Feb 07 2016		Feb 08 2016 – Jan 27 2017		Jan 28 2017 – Feb 15 2018		Feb 16 2018 – Feb 04 2019		Feb 05 2019 – Jan 24 2020	
37		38		39		40		41		42	
庚 Geng	子 Zi	辛 Xin	丑 Chou	壬 Ren	寅 Yin	癸 Gui	卯 Mao	甲 Jia	辰 Chen	乙 Yi	巳 Si
Metal Rat		Metal Ox		Water Tiger		Water Rabbit		Wood Dragon		Wood Snake	
Jan 28 1960 – Feb 14 1961		Feb 15 1961 – Feb 04 1962		Feb 05 1962 – Jan 24 1963		Jan 25 1963 – Feb 12 1964		Feb 13 1964 – Feb 01 1965		Feb 02 1965 – Jan 20 1966	
Jan 25 2020 – Feb 11 2021		Feb 12 2021 – Jan 31 2022		Feb 01 2022 – Jan 21 2023		Jan 22 2023 – Feb 09 2024		Feb 10 2024 – Jan 28 2025		Jan 29 2025 – Feb 16 2026	
43		44		45		46		47		48	
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 Horse		Fire Goat		Earth Monkey		Earth Rooster		Metal Dog		Metal Boar	
Jan 21 1966 – Feb 08 1967		Feb 09 1967 – Jan 29 1968		Jan 30 1968 – Feb 16 1969		Feb 17 1969 – Feb 05 1970		Feb 06 1970 – Jan 26 1971		Jan 27 1971 – Feb 14 1972	
Feb 17 2026 – Feb 05 2027		Feb 06 2027 – Jan 25 2028		Jan 26 2028 – Feb 12 2029		Feb 13 2029 – Feb 02 2030		Feb 03 2030 – Jan 22 2031		Jan 23 2031 – Feb 10 2032	

60-year Lunisolar Calendar, continued

49		50		51		52		53		54	
壬 Ren	子 Zi	癸 Gui	丑 Chou	甲 Jia	寅 Yin	乙 Yi	卯 Mao	丙 Bing	辰 Chen	丁 Ding	巳 Si
Water Rat		Water Ox		Wood Tiger		Wood Rabbit		Fire Dragon		Fire Snake	
Feb 15 1972 – Feb 02 1973		Feb 03 1973 – Jan 24 1974		Jan 23 1974 – Feb 10 1975		Feb 11 1975 – Jan 30 1976		Jan 31 1976 – Feb 17 1977		Feb 18 1977 – Feb 06 1978	
Feb 11 2032 – Jan 30 2033		Jan 31 2033 – Feb 18 2034		Feb 19 2034 – Feb 07 2035		Feb 08 2035 – Jan 27 2036		Jan 28 2036 – Feb 14 2037		Feb 15 2037 – Feb 03 2038	
55		56		57		58		59		60	
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 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		Feb 05 1981 – Jan 24 1982		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	