

# 2001: A 3 year

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Every year on January 1, the world enters into a new possibility, the next symbolic stage of development. In Chinese astrology, 2001 is the year of the snake, in numerology; it is the year of 3. 2000 was governed by 2, which broadly stated governs relationships and our ability to open to another point of view. The shadow of 2 is polarization and stagnation. There is no question that the election was about 2 points of view polarizing the nation. Sadly, this was not the positive attributes of 2. However, an opening was created and awareness's were brought to light, which bring opportunities for this year.

2001 offers us all the possibilities of 3; creativity, communication, community solutions and many opportunities to express ideas born from a desire to heal. 3 is the "magical child" aspect inside all of us. It is the guardian archetype of wide eyed wonder and spontaneous expression of life's vibrant energy. On the other side of 3 lies carelessness, treachery, triangulated situations, a breakdown in communication and a wasting of life's energy. Collectively, we must work hard to direct this energy in positive, healthy ways for the good of mother earth and all sentient beings. We cannot afford to blame, we must have compassion and take action. 2001 is a year for the world to get very creative about solutions to the problems facing us. Our communities will be the heart and soul of the changes that must take place if we are to survive and thrive. Much that has been hidden will be popping up in the news and in conversations. People will be talking about their concerns and fears to a much greater degree and seeking common ground. This is a year we could collectively take another step away from blaming others and a step toward understanding and creative resolution.

The third aspect of a situation is often the one that makes the difference, it's the point of view that breaks the deadlock, it's the mediator coming up with another way of looking at an issue, it's creative thinking and acting. 3 represents divine trinity, mother-father-child, father-son-holy ghost, spiritual-mental-physical, all archetypes of 3 that serve as a basis for much of the spirit into matter existence that we are all living. In a Universal 3 year we could be mindful of

these aspects in order to gain a deeper understanding of what is possible and how we can contribute to that possibility.

Each of you have just entered a new personal year as well. If you don't know how to find this number, simply add your day of birth to your month of birth plus 3 (the year we are now in) and the result is your year. If you have a two digit number, simply add those two numbers together to have a single digit. For example a 12 becomes a 3.

The personal year stimulates and guides our focus of attention and energizes our Life Path by creating opportunities designed to help us learn the lessons that are appropriate for us. If we are aware of the number or symbolic meaning for the year, we can focus and re-focus our attention, ever mindful of the goal. Take a few moments and feel the energy that this year is calling up in you and stay in touch with that calling. If for example the year you entered is a 6, then the you will find a need to serve others, as well as a need to fill your own well and to balance these two seemingly opposing aspects. 6 is also a year to pay attention to what needs harmonizing in your environment. It is a year that can bring up mother issues, nurturing needs, and a willingness to give and receive unconditional love . All of the 9 sacred gates have specific tasks for the year. Also, depending on where that number appears in your chart, it could also be your Life Path or Soul year which intensifies the meaning.

This is a very important time to be alive on the earth. We all designed to be here and to help birth a new consciousness. There are many obstacles, challenges and disappointments to be faced and worked with. Our awareness of the path we have chosen, the sacred contract that defines our journey, is vital. We need, to the best of our ability, to be fully present, lay down our resentments, fears, old negative beliefs and move forward in loving action. Know that each of you is loved beyond measure and guided always.