

CULTURAL CEREMONY & SYMBOLOGY: Dos & Taboos

Animals

Turtles are symbols of good luck, strength, endurance, fortune and longevity. A turtle at the back of the house supports the home and family.

Dragons are used in the east for protection, growth, vitality & prosperity. They are the Yang protective energy.

Tigers are the Yin protective energy, like a mother protecting her child. They reside on the west side of the house.

Using a Phoenix can attract happy relationships, beauty, and good fortune. Having a <u>red bird</u> or a peacock in the south attracts good fortune to the home.

Buffalo = Sacredness, abundance through right action & prayer

Dolphins = Breath of life, joy, power of breath and sound

Doves = Peace

Eagles = Devine spirit, courage to soar, whole brain thinking

Elephants (tusks pointing upward) = power, wisdom and high moral standards.

Raven = Birth and death

Spider = Pattern of Life/Web of Life, creativity

Wolf = Teacher, loyalty, success, ritual, spirit

Numbers

The Number 1: Beginnings, individuality, creativity

The Number 3: Fun, communication, the Trinity (body, mind, spirit)

The Number 4: Can be negative in many Asian cultures

The Number 8: Material success, wealth

The Number 9: Wisdom, manifestation, release, tolerance

Flowers/Plants/Trees

Bamboo = Youth, good energy, strength, resilience, health

Iris = Higher inspiration, psychic purity

Orchid = Endurance

Pine trees = Feeling of protection.

Redwood Trees = Strength and depth

Rose = Rebirth, love, beauty and virtue

Peace blossoms and trees = Partnerships and marriage

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