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Hungry Ghost Festival Unleashed in August



The Chinese Tradition

Entering into the 7th Lunar month on the 17th August 2012, this is when the Hungry Ghost month starts and ends on the 15th September 2012 for 30 days. In the Chinese tradition, it is believed that this time of the year is where the Gates of the Spirit World, both Heaven and Hell unleash host of spirits to roam the Earth. During this lunar month, Chinese practitioners around the world spend the month offering rituals and feasts to appease these spirits who are said to rise from the lower realms to roam the earth. It is believed that the day of the Hungry Ghost Festival; at the peak of the month; falls on the 15th night of the 7th lunar month (31st August 2012), is when the gates of Heaven and Hell is opened up completely 100%, releasing billions of spirits to freely visit those in the human realms.

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About the Hungry Ghost Festival

On the 15th day of the Hungry Ghost Festival, both Taoists and Buddhist would perform rituals to transmute and absolve the sufferings of the deceased. Intrinsic to the Ghost Month is ancestor worships, where traditionally the filial piety of descendants extends to their ancestors even after their death. During this month and especially on the 15th day of the 7th lunar month, ritualistic food offerings, burning incense, and burning joss paper, a papier-mâché form of material items such as clothes gold and other fine goods for the visiting spirits of the ancestors. Elaborate meals, mainly vegetarian meals are offered



with empty seats for each of the deceased in the family treating the deceased as if they are still living. In some East Asian countries today, live performances are held and everyone is invited to attend. The first rows of seats are always empty as this is where the ghosts sit. Some shows include Chinese opera, dramas, and in some areas, even burlesque shows. For rituals, Buddhist and Taoists hold ceremonies to relieve ghosts from suffering, many of them holding ceremonies in the afternoon or at night (as it is believed that the ghosts are released from hell when the sun sets). Altars are built for the deceased and priests and monks alike perform rituals for the benefit of ghosts. Monks and priests often throw rice or other small foods into the air in all directions to distribute them to the ghosts.



Hungry Ghosts are called “hungry” because by their nature they are unable to satisfy their hunger or thirst through eating ordinary food or water. To be fed, they are only able to smell the smoke of incense and the aroma of food – and so naturally they become really happy and appeased when incense or other special food items are burned and

offered to them. These very desperate ghosts are trapped in between realms; they are constantly suffering from extreme deprivation – so when left unappeased it's not surprising that they start to cause mischief to those whose chi energy levels are on the low side – for example, those whose astrological feng shui or house feng shui for the year is afflicted and whole life force and spirit essence is weak hence during this Hungry Ghost Month, more than ever, it is so essential to perform incense offerings for these poor spirits – perhaps even every night.



How to Stay Protected

We would like to remind everyone that during this period, it is advisable to be extra careful when you are out at night, taking extra care when you drive out late at night or when traveling to destinations outside your protected home. Try not to stay out late this month as if coincide with a bad Flying Star numbers for the month or day, it may affect you and bring negative energies towards you to being brought into your home. It is also VITAL to perform incense appeasement ritual and strengthen your protective energies; if you wish to perform an Incense Offering

Ritual here's what you can do.

The Incense Offering Ritual is a very powerful way to remove obstacles caused by wandering and local spirits of the land. It is normally done about 2-3 times a week, but during the Hungry Ghost month, it is beneficial to do this every evening. The best time for this is around dusk, just after sunset. Light up sweet smelling incense like kemenyen or sandalwood and chant this special incense offering mantra as you walk clockwise around your rooms and outside your home while holding your incense burner:

**NAMAH SARVA TATHAGATHA AVALOKITE
OM SAMBHARA SAMBHARA HUNG**

After completing the walk-about your home, dedicate all the incense and offerings to the holy beings, dakinis (deities), angels, spiritual protectors, guardians, local landlords, and wandering spirits around you and request that they look after you instead of harm you. If you are unable to chant the mantra above, then just go straight to the last part of the dedication of the incense offering by saying out loud the dedication. Let the incense burn till it has finished burning. In addition to incense rituals, it is a good idea to strengthen the protective energies of the home during this month.



13 Ways to Stay Protected During the Hungry Ghost Month at WOFS

During the Hungry Ghost Month, wandering spirits will roam the earth. It is thus very essential to perform Incense Offering Rituals, and to increase up your “Fneg Shui Security” by strengthening the protective energy of the home as a precaution against any malefic wandering spirits who have ill intentions.

By placing the right guardian images or specific mantra plaques in the four cardinal directions and near your entrance areas will be affective. If possible, always wear some kind of cosmic protection on your body i.e. mantra amulets given to you by high lamas, masters or holy men. Make sure that these mantras touch your body, as this is what ensures your body does not get hurt.

1. Protective Guardian – Chung Kwei

Chung Kwei is the famous Chinese “Ghost Cather” and it is believed that his powerful image alone is sufficient to chase all wandering

spirits away; this invite Chung Kwei into your homes as he personifies powerful

protection against harmful influences. His presence wards off evil and disturbing ghostly influences.

READY STOCK

Chung Kwei Amulet \$13

2. The Four Heavenly Kings

The Four Heavenly Kings are known as the Protectors of the FOUR DIRECTIONS. The hour heavenly kings are shown as alert and ready to ward off negative influences and they are said to be powerful protectors for those requiring protection from evil demons and spirits. Place them in the four cardinal directions as follows. The Guardian of the East Mo Li Ching (who carries the spear and a magic sword). The Guardian of West is Mo Li Hai (who carries a four strings guitar). The Guardian of South Mo Li Hung (who holds a magic umbrella). The Guardian of North is Mo Li Shou who carries a pearl in one hand and a snake in the other.

PRE ORDER

4 Heavenly King Amulet
\$22



3. A Pair of Fu Dogs

Place a pair of Fu Dogs flanking your entrance to guard your home. Fu Dogs are mythical guardian beasts are always seen flanking the entrances of holy places, temples and palatial grounds to protect against evil intentions of others. The Chinese Fu Dogs are always depicted in male and female aspects to symbolize the protective energy of the patriarch and the matriarch.



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Fu Dog Bronze
(31782GS)
\$143.50



4. Kalachakra Plaque

This protective plaque contains the Mandala of Kalachakra, a potent symbol of protection against loss and bad intentions. Hang this near your entrance where you can see it as you enter the home to safe guard your possessions and the safety of your loved ones.

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Kalachakra Mandala Plaque **\$175**

5. The RED BHRUM Pendant



Wear the BHRUM Pendant daily as a protective amulet – this is vital during the hungry ghost month. The syllable BHRUM protects one against untimely death and wards off bad luck caused by bad spirits or black magic. This special locket also comes with the Heart Sutra (for removing obstacles in life), the Increasing Jewel Mantra for increasing the power of your wishes for prosperity and happiness and the Four Dharmakaya Relic Mantras for blessing your body and making it sacred.

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Bhrum Pendant RED **\$922**

6. Protective Scarves

An easy way to stay protected against mischievous spirits or bad feng shui is to out on sacred scarves that have been empowered with powerful protective mantras.



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Dharmachakra
Wheel Protection
Scarf **\$202**

Namgyalma Scarf
(Black) **\$76**



Dependant
Arising Scarf
\$86.80



READY STOCK

Wish Fulfilling
Mantra Scarf
(White) \$85.90

7. Om Ah Hum Necklace

This mantra purifies all negative actions committed through body, speech and mind. When you wear it, you are purifying the environment as will as yourself and all other beings within it.



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Gift of Gold –
Om Ah Hum Necklace \$1750

8. OM MANI Prayer Wheel Pendant

Precious amulet prayer wheel in white gold and red enamel contains 1.38 million consecrated OMANI PADME HUM mantras in microfilm. Wear it at all times



on your body, to ward off illness, accidents and fatal misfortunes. Spin it once day to subdue all obstacles in your life.



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Om Mani Prayer Wheel Pendant (RED) \$517

Om Mani Prayer Wheel Pendant (BLACK) \$499

9. Samantabhadra Mirror with Jade Hanging

Deflect bad intentions towards you with this mirrored talisman, empowered with the protective image of Samantabhadra on a White Elephant. This special amulet shields you from harm and empowers your aura when gazed into daily. Keep it close to you inside your handbag or shift pocket. The handle is decorated with a prosperity Jade ingot tassel to bring wealth.



PRE ORDER

Samantabhadra Mirror with Jade Hanging \$94

10. Sacred Mantra Ring

The sacred mantra ring carries two powerful mantras, one on the

inside of the ring touching the flesh when worn, and another mantra on the outside. The inner mantra is a wish-fulfilling mantra while the outer mantra has the power to purify 100,000 eons of negative karma just by seeing it. This thus eliminates obstacles that prevent one from reaching one's full potential.

Wearing this ring on a chain around the neck or on the middle finger will help make all one's fervent wishes come true.

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Sacred Mantra Ring (Gold) \$1156

11. Dzi Beads

Dzi beads have powers to "break" or absorb the blows intended for the wearer. They are used for their powers to



fulfill wishes regarding money, career advancement, health, power and spiritual enlightenment. Dzi means 'brightness, shining, clearness, splendors', all the brilliance in life.

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Dzi Beads, Bracelets & Necklace from \$49.99

12. Noble Stack of Auspicious Plaque



This beautiful plaque contains the precious mantras for transforming everything negative into positive outcomes. It is for dispelling any inauspicious energies brought by bad feng shui, planetary misalignment, bad stars in one's astrological charts and bad omens.

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Noble Stack of Auspicious Plaque \$202

13. Crystals

Crystals are another source of amulet that you are able to wear to ward off negative energies or purify your aura and here are just a few that you may be able to wear during the Hungry Ghost Month.



Tiger Eye

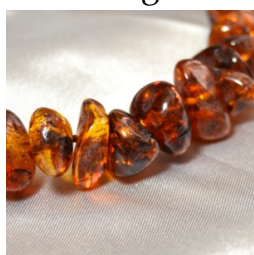
Protects against harmful spirit intrusions.

Protects travelers in

automobiles from accidents.

Agate

Protects against danger, worldly troubles, and harmful spirits. Protects one while traveling.



Amber

Protects the aura and works as a protector in general.

Bloodstone

Guards against deception, harmful spirits, wounds and insect bites. Offers psychic protection.



Emerald

Keeps away evil spirits and voids the powers of magicians.



Fluorite

Works as a psychic shield and protects one while in the psychic and spirit realms.

Protects against

computer and electromagnetic stresses.



Black Onyx

Protects from harmful spirits and environmental stresses. Blocks negative influences.



Peridot

Powerful protection against negative forces. Acts as a shield of protection for the body.



Black Tourmaline

Protects against harmful physical and psychic influences such as psychic attack, psychic vampires, spirit possession, and harmful spirit intrusions. Protects the aura against negative thought forms and energy. Protects against spells, ill wishing,

microwaves, radiation, and environmental and geopathic stresses.



Buy above \$400 and get this AMAZING Door Guardian Medallion for FREE!!

Door Guardian Medallion

This medallion has the image of the Door Guardians on one side together the Crossed Swords and Celestial Tortoise. Both are excellent Taoist symbols of protection from all sorts of natural and manmade disasters. The door guardians are commonly used in Chinese homes as protection from spiritual attacks and bad luck.

On the other side of the medallion are the Lo Shu numbers combined with the Yang Pa-Kua, which not only brings protection from bad luck, but also attracts good luck.



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