

A Rikchik New Year's Card

The rikchik planet has slightly shorter days than Earth and a slightly longer year. By coincidence, the start of the next year (in 7-Fruit, the city-state that serves as the rikchik Greenwich) happens to be at 12:30 PM GMT on December 25 2013. This is my rendition of a card a rikchik might send its friends to wish them a happy new year. (Rikchik days start at dawn and their year starts at the spring equinox.)

Rikchik years are grouped into 64-65 year cycles, each one named after one of the seven gods. Each of these cycles is the length of Alpha Centauri B's orbit around Alpha Centauri A, which is the rikchik sun. Seven cycles make a great cycle which are counted from a legendary date. Years are specified by great cycle, cycle, and year. The new year that starts on December 25 is the 16th year of the last cycle (Chaos) of the 5th great cycle, or 5 Chaos 16. In base 7, this comes out at 5 Chaos 22.



The front design is based on Five Chaos Two Two in rikchik numerals.

The back message says "I wish you a happy 5 Chaos 16." (Literally, "I want that the booking rikchik enjoys the tree-span identified as Five Chaos and as Two Two.") My rikchik name, "the human named happiness-god of the house of love-flowers", appears in red. Check rikchik.livejournal.com on or after the 25th for a more complete analysis of the message.

And indeed, have a happy 5 Chaos 16, which will last until March 21 of 2015.

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