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## 1.1 History

The I Ching, or Book of Changes is also commonly known as Book of Oracles or Book of Wisdom is a very ancient book that has been in existence for about 5,000 years. It was written, composed and contributed to by four most honored and revered Chinese sages from the ancient times. There are the legendary sages, King Wen and Duke of Zhou both from the Zhou dynasty, Fu Xi and the most revered sage, Confucius. The Chinese considered it as a holy book just like the Holy Bible was to the Christians.

It is a profound book sourced much from the Chinese culture by the four famous Chinese sages during the ancient time. Originally, the book was a handbook used for divination only but after Confucius had written commentaries called the ten wings, it became a book for ancient wisdom.

## 1.2 Viewpoints by westerners

Some of the most profound thinkers in the western world were also avid readers and students of the I Ching. Three of the most notable ones were the late C.G. Jung, the world-famous Swiss psychiatrist who lived in the last century, a German, Richard Wilhelm who spent many years in China in the early 20th century to translate this revered book into German, and Gary F. Baynes who retranslated Richard Wilhelm's work into English. Since then, it has been used as a reference book by the western world.

## 1.3 Salient Features of using I Ching as an Oracle

The main theme of the I Ching is it deems that everything in the universe is subject to a process of continuous change, starting, rising, peak or decline but in a progressive evolutionary advancement. Such changes are revealed by the between the lines or 'yao text'. It is embodied in the succession Hexagram and reflected by the sequences of the structure of the Hexagram and its lines. It discloses that due to continuous changes and when situations proceed beyond their extremes, these situations will alternate to their opposites. It reminds us that we must accept and keep up with the pace of the continuous changes. We should be receptive, flexible and adjust our efforts according to the changes in time and situations; and accommodate these changes as they provide us clarity and guidance in times of confusion and crisis.

In order to understand and apply the divination, you have to understand your present situation and only use it in good faith and not for selfish or ulterior motives. Therefore, to gain a fortune or avoid misfortune, you have to understand your present position, limitation, dispositions and be within your own means and ability. You should interpret the answers given in relation to your present position or situation and circumstances in the present context. Realistically, the answers given are the revelation of your infinite intelligence and boundless wisdom residing

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in your subconscious mind. It is advisable that you must only consult on the divination of yourself and not on others' behalf.

Any appropriate actions or restraints taken to meet the profound continuous changes in the situation or events will affect your potential. You should be aware that every action is a cause and every change in situations or events has an effect; and that every effect also has a cause. We must realize that the result is the outcome due to our actions and changes in situations or events. When we act consciously, we evolve consciously and likewise if we act unconsciously, we evolve unconsciously. Thus, the judgment and interpretation of our future reflected by the Hexagram reveals that our actions as a result of the change in circumstances and events will determine our potential. It is with logic and common sense that we should acknowledge the need to exercise positive and remedial action so that we can improve our potential in whatever future endeavor.

## 1.4 Using the 3-Coin method

There are various methods used as a medium to consult the I Ching. The most ancient and authentic one used by the diviner is the fifty yarrow stalks. However, the three-coin method is commonly used since it is practical yet very accurate. Instructions on how to consult the I Ching as an oracle using the 3-coin method are provided in Form A at our website http://www.adestiny.com/. . We have incorporated the translated text of each Hexagram in the form of judgments, lines and interpretations according to the context today and the appropriateness of your question.

# 1.5 Our online program using I Ching as an Oracle

Since the I Ching is an ancient handbook used for divination, the judgments, lines and interpretations must be in accordance to its original text. Due to its antiquity, it is futile and meaningless to quote the original texts since very few people can interpret it. We focused on the interpretation on the original texts in terms of personal, social, political, business or worldly situations in the present context. Our online oracle incorporates the interpreted answers extracted from its original texts and compiled with a view to accommodate frequently asked questions in the context of situations in the present. The answers are more specific and designed to meet the diviner's question without being too generalized.

## 1.6 Conclusion

The I Ching should be used as a medium for divination to provide us holistic guidance in times of confusion and crisis. As an Oracle, it actually reveals our unconscious mind by providing us answers to our questions. The I Ching itself does not provide you an answer; it is only used as a circuit to provide you the answer that is already stored in your subconscious mind.

# 2 I Ching Report

#### 2.1 Question asked

Should I go ahead with the partnership?

## 2.2 Relevant aspect

Business/Investment

## 2.3 Initial Hexagram



### As a Businessperson:

This hexagram indicates a situation of changing a situation relating to business or financial affairs, operating system or key personnel by establishing the new or the reorganization of the old if you need to establish the new. Abolishing the old is preceded by the establishment of the new and this is part of the improvement and upgrading of the present system, product or method. Such a situation needs sacrifices, flexibility and readjusting oneself and also requires people or a leader with capability, magnanimity, resourcefulness and ability to take risk and responsibility.

Your business venture will prosper since it can produce goods or services more efficiently and increase productivity to increase the profit margin. As a result it will increase profitability and contribute positively to the bottom-line due to the introduction of new ideas, innovation, and implementation of an efficient system. For business survival, you need to keep up with the pace of the changes by introducing new products or services to meet the demand of the marketplace and for growth, prosperity and survival.

The salient feature here is the need for employing qualified personnel or recruiting a consultant with extraordinary capabilities to establish the new system. As an employer you should brief your employees on the reasons and benefits of establishing the new system in order to avoid resentment, fear and confusion.

### As an Investor:

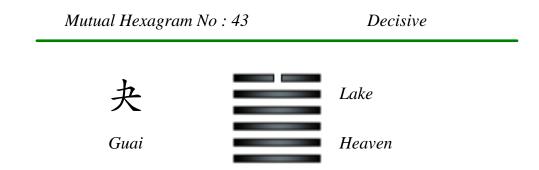
For investments in shares/stock or property, it may indicate that you should conduct a major restructuring exercise on your current investment portfolios. It may also indicate that you should adopt a new and suitable approach like a new strategy or model in order to adapt to the present investment environment. Meanwhile, you must respond appropriately to the current market and economic situation and also keep yourself updated on current affairs especially on the ones affecting your investments.

Hence, you must be flexible and responsive, examine critically, analyze and track the current market movements and trend and know the sectors of investment you are involved in. It also stresses that you should know whether your investment in shares/stock involves a sunrise or sunset industry. You must know the location of your existing property or the ones you intend to acquire, taking into consideration any upcoming developments nearby.

**Note:** The Original Hexagram or Initial Hexagram describes and reflects the basic situation or attitude pertaining to your inquiry presently or recent past. The QUA you receive actually reveals your present state of consciousness and explains what will follow accordance with your subconscious mind.

# 2.4 Mutual Hexagram

Mutual Hexgram No: 43



### As a Businessperson:

This hexagram indicates that the time is right to cast aside your confusion, indecision, hesitation and make a resolution to overcome existing business and investment problems. In order to eliminate you must be resolute and prepared to face the challenges. The financial costs of procrastination can aggravate the problems if left unchecked and not been remedied. In the process of eliminating doubts, uncertainties and hesitations, one should be firm and resolute in order to remove tension, politicking, by dealing decisively and fairly without prejudice or selfish interest.

If it relates to any industrial or partnership dispute, you may need to accept a third party to act as an arbitrator to settle the dispute and you need to make compromises. You also need to gain support from others and blessings from those in authority for implementing it. Otherwise, the dispute may fully blow up and it will only cause stoppage or delay in your project or business operation, resulting in heavy losses and affecting your personal and organization reputation.

The basic principle here is to eliminate or discard those staff or operational systems that are inefficient, corrupt, outdated or incompetent. Though you may be in a strong position to eliminate these negative factors and inefficiencies, it is difficult to eliminate or revamp the whole organizational structure or business system. In terms of human resources, there are certain excesses that need to be trimmed down. Schemes like offering of Voluntary Separation Scheme, recruiting the right people for the purpose of revamping or rejuvenating the existing business or investment should be implemented.

#### As an Investor:

For your investment in shares/stock or property, it indicates that you should seriously contemplate, resolute and commit to eliminate the ones which are under and/or non-performing. It may also imply that at the moment you are considering to discard the present investment model and strategy, introduce new models and restructure your portfolios in order to respond appropriately to meet the present market/economic conditions. You should cast aside your confusion, indecision, hesitation and prepare to take a loss by disposing the underperforming ones which may have sentimental value. Otherwise, you cannot make the right decision.

**Note:** In order to know more about your present situation, you can get insight from the Mutual Hexagram apart from the Initial Hexagram. So, it is necessary to read the write-ups of the Mutual Hexagram to get an insight of the present situation reflected by the Initial Hexagram.

## 2.5 Changing/Yao Line

Initial Hexagram/Yao Line No: 5

### As a Businessperson:

Being flexible and receptive to business ideas and expert advice, your business can make progress, become more competitive and contribute more profit. You need to accept the advice of experts and consultants, as these are the people who can help you in the future.

#### As an Investor:

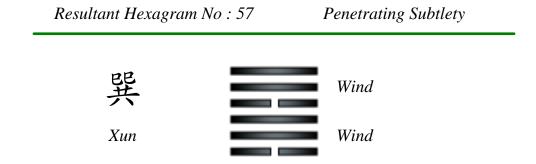
You need the support of others especially experts or professionals to handle your investment affairs. You must be flexible and responsive to meet the market or economic environment. At the same time, you need to be modest and able to accept expert advices, professional views and consultant services to assist you in your investments like share/stock or property.

**Note**: The Yao Line describes the reason for the incoming change, present advice for attainment of goals, aspirations or warnings of potential and/or incoming difficulties or auguries of good fortune, if applicable.

Due to the changes of 2 - 5 of the moving lines it indicates the complexities of the changes, so we only adopt the relevant Yao Line, particularly when the moving lines conflict with each other, and becomes too complicated.

# 2.6 Resultant or Approached Hexagram

Resultant Hexagram No: 57



#### As a Businessperson:

This hexagram stresses that, under a new environment or unstable situation, you have to submit humbly and obediently in order to make friends with people or

establish a new network. After encountering setbacks due to the decrease in demand or losses incurred earlier, you need to introduce new products, services or projects and diversification for business survival. On encountering an unstable situation, you should act gently and never violate the rules or antagonize others, as it is the most effective way to influence and get approvals from others. To accommodate to the new situation and influence others, you need gradual and inconspicuous efforts to have an effective result.

In a new environment or type of business, you have to learn the tricks of the new trade patiently, and implement thorough testing before marketing it. Since you are new to the business area, you should conduct it quietly, conspicuously and gradually in order to capture a share in the market, without incurring the wrath of others. So you have to make adjustments to adapt to the new environment for the operation of a new business there. Any attempts to publicize or being aggressive may alarm others and will meet with repercussions from competitors.

In may refer to the relocation of your business in a new environment especially on foreign soil and you are put in an unstable situation. So you have to submit humbly in order to make friends with the people and the local authority of the new place and understand the local custom and culture, especially a foreign one. Operating under a new environment, you must be prepared for the cultural shocks and the different laws in contrast with the local one. Upon moving to a new environment, you must be wise and flexible by making adjustments to accommodate to the new situation by behaving humbly with gradual and perseverant efforts to achieve the purpose.

You should not act aggressively or make radical changes, as it will only alarm others, invite repercussions and repel them. Accommodating to a new situation or environment, you have to influence others effectively, gain their trust, and obtain their blessing or support for your business or investment. Being humble and gentle does not equate with weakness or inferiority; bide your time to make a success out of it. Great achievement or success is the accumulating of little successes.

#### As an Investor:

For investments in shares/stock, it indicates that you may have to proceed cautiously by committing a small portion of your budgeted fund each time, slowly accumulate the acquisitions or buying a smaller property at this stage. In the case of an acquisition or profit-taking, especially the fully/over valued ones, you are advised to dispose on a staggered basis each time to maximize your gains.

It may also refer to a situation concerning an uncertain market or economic direction which requires you to adopt this cautious and conservative approach rather than taking any impetuous or drastic action that you may regret later. You have to learn the fundamentals of the new share/stock or property and change your investment strategy or model before making any commitment.

**Note**: The Resultant Hexagram describes the coming of tendencies/potentials in your present or proposed path of the divination or inquiry. In this case you should focus, respond and adapt in the most suitable way according to this write-ups and relevant advices due to the total transformation into the entire new situation.

### 2.7 NOTES TO REPORT

- The write-ups pertaining to items 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 are the interpretations from the I Ching original texts relating to the relevant aspect for item 2.2 according to our knowledge and understandings; honest and sincere interpretation.
- Items 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 are interpreted according to the Question asked per item 2.1 and the relevant aspect in item 2.2 respectively.
- Items 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 are designed and written may differ from your question due to the complexities of the same questions asked by different people. Hence, you may have to assume the answers and advices given are interpreted in the context and aspect similar or close to your question.
- You should interpret the write-ups in items 2.3, 2.4, 2.45 and 2.6
  according to your place or position within the situation rather than
  adopting it blindly per se; since our intention of the write-ups is written to
  accommodate situations similar to your present situation.

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The information and interpretations given in your I Ching Divination Report are obtained from the outcome of your three Coins tossed together over six times in a row, with each toss determines one line of a Hexagram, starting from the bottom to the top. We offer our holistic views on the Hexagram, its Changing Lines and the Resultant Hexagram according to the 64 Hexagrams or Hexagram original texts and interpreted in the relevant aspect of today's context. The interpretations and advices are written to accommodate the aspect of your question or query. It is expressed and interpreted according to our personal views, understandings and interpretations of the I Ching original texts obtained from sources that deemed to be reliable and authentic.

The purpose of our report should be used for reference only and/or act as a guideline to assist you in resolving your present problem; clearing doubts, uncertainties, confusion or on facing a crisis accordingly. The divination actually reveals the state of your sub-conscious mind and reflecting the question posed presently. However, you may exercise your personal judgment, make wise decision and take appropriate action to remedy, improve, mitigate and/or making the best out of the situation.

No liability can be accepted by us on any loss arising from your action and consequences thereafter for using the report and solely relying on the relevant advices given, therein. This report is derived and interpreted from the outcome of the six numbers presented to us using the 3 coins method and interpreted to the best of our ability and honesty in the context of today's situation.