

*with great power, comes great responsibility*



**I-Ching & The World of Metaphysics**

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**The Chinese Month of Ox**

The Ox month shows signs of increasing danger in Flue Pandemic in the WEST sector.

Fire 9 and Wood 3 Stars in the middle shows signs of instability and grievances among governments. Dispute in trades disagreement as well as borders will hit the road. Southwest would be such problems persist for a period of time. Stay safe on East and North but stay away from the West sectors. The flu pandemic would be twice as serious from last year! Buckle up and brace for such ride!

**IN RED ANNUAL STAR WHILE IN BLACK MONTHLY STAR**

Southeast/SHUN <b>8</b> 2	South/LEI <b>4</b> 7	Southwest/KWAN <b>6</b> 9
East/CHAN <b>7</b> 1	CENTRAL <b>9</b> 3	West/TUI <b>2</b> 5
Northeast/KAN <b>3</b> 6	North/HAM <b>5</b> 8	Northwest/KIN <b>1</b> 4



## I-Ching 易經

It is said that the source of all ancient scriptures was from I-Ching. (群經之首及群經之始). I-Ching is an ancient scripture that decoding the secret of universe and thus the living beings' journey of life.

### The Evolution of I-Ching 人更三聖，世立三古

Approximately 7,000 years ago Fu Xi (伏羲上古) created Bagua to represent weather of the day i.e. rainy day represented by 3 strokes of Ham Gua (☵) such prediction is non other than pre-cautionary action for the agricultural society (fishing and hunting) in at that time. Zhou Wen Huang (周文王中古) had created 64 Guas that represent 64 different scenes of changes in the universe, while Confucian (孔子下古) and his disciples created Ten Wings (十翼) to explain his predecessors finding in more descriptive manner. What we can and read in today's books of I-Ching is basically the narrative from Confucian's stream but many aren't straight to the point and some even deviate from the origin context.

## **The Misconception of I-Ching as mere Predictive tool**

The source and origin of I-Ching is not solely meant as predictive tool it is nevertheless a highly philosophical scripture that can apply to our daily day life to manage a family, a company or a country as well. The 64 formation Guas would serve to tell you the initial, journey as well as the destination of any event, at any point of time you can refer to the Guas for clues in preparation for the next action or movement. The ultimate aim is for one to adapt, adjust and improvise to live cohesively with the environment.

## **The Skill wisdom versus Knowledge**

Human beings are equipped with three different levels of skills as compare to animals even in ancient societies

### *Skill One -Cosmic Observation (仰視)*

Only human being can tilt his head to observe the changes to the sky (cosmic) and look down on earth to see the changes in the sea levels.

### *Skill Two-The Human Touch (俯視)*

Only human being can meticulously take care of him or herself as well as love ones

### *Skill Three-See things from Different Angles (廣角)*

Human being would see things from different perspective and angles.

As such the society would definitely become complex with different views, opinion needs and wants. Therefore one must live harmoniously even with the above differences. 求同存異



## The Important and Yet basic concept in Metaphysic-Yin and Yang

The in-depth understanding of Yin and Yang is imperative in studying Chinese Metaphysic. As you may aware by now that the Chinese language and culture is uniquely designed and to understand them it requires you to comprehend in a metaphoric sense. Let see the below some of the Yin and Yang differentiations.

### The Segregation

**One Yin and One Yang is the formation of Dao, 一陰一陽謂之道**

Sky is Yang while Earth is Yin 天是陽, 地是陰  
Sunny Day is Yang while Rainy day is Yin 晴天是陽, 陰天是陰  
Clear as Yang while Muddy as Yin 清者為陽, 濁者為陰  
Breathing in as Yang while breathing out is Yin 呼者為陽, 吸者為陰  
Ascending is Yang while descending is Yin 升者為陽, 降者為陰  
On top is Yang while bottom is Yin 上則為陽, 下則為陰  
Left is Yang while right is Yin 左則為陽, 右則為陰  
Heart is Yang while Kidney is Yin 心氣為陽, 腎氣為陰  
Liver is Yang while Lung is Yin 肝木為陽, 肺金為陰

### The Oneness

Pure Yin without Yang devil being! 純陰而無陽者, 鬼也  
Pure Yang without Yin, immortals (celestial being) 純陽而無陰者, 仙也  
Yin and Yang coexist, human being 陰陽相雜者, 人也

### **The Concept of Yin and Yang in Broader Context**

Heaven (sky) consists of both Yin and Yang 天有陰陽  
Earth consists of Hard and soft 地有剛柔  
Human being equipped with righteousness and justice (justice at times could harm loved one) 人有仁義

### **The Concept of reciprocity**

Ruler benevolence while courtier loyal 君仁臣忠  
Father love while son filial 父慈子孝  
Teacher care while Student respect 尊師愛生

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