

I Ching Divination with ShadowEater

Write down the date, method "I Ching", your question, and then 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (each on its own line). It's important that you start at the top with six and work your way down.

Now the coin tosses! Flip all three coins. Or shake and drop. Your result will be one of four possibilities and you'll assign each one a symbol.

- — x --- All tails. Then write 6 on the side (broken line changing to solid). Old yin.
- —----- Two tails, one head (solid line). 7 (no need to write it down), young yang.
- — --- Two heads, one tail (broken line). 8 (no need to write it down), young yin.
- ---0— All heads. Then write 9 on the side (solid changing to broken). Old yang.

Just to be clear, the x and the 0 in the lines are there to assign a special addition to your message. There are really only two symbols that you use to make glyphs: --- --- (broken line) and ----- (solid line). The six and the nines you note on the side of each symbol when you flip all heads or all tails lead to the special bonus message or messages under the segment at the end of your message called "The Lines". Only read the ones that apply to your coin toss. They are the *changes* that *Book of Changes* refers to. They change your hexagram. So the final part of a reading is the hexagram that the changing line turned it into.

Don't give up yet! I know it sounds confusing, that's why I'm going to lay out an example I tossed.

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I Ching Reading

Should I share my esoteric experiences and readings in a blog, a discord server, and in emails?

6. ---0--- 9
5. — ---
4. — ---
3. — ---
2. — ---
1. -----

I flipped #1 first and recorded bottom to top. My sixth and final flip got me a changing line. Yay! It's important to note here that while flipping, the only thought in my head was my question.

The bottom three are going to form one glyph and the top three will form another glyph. Tosses 1-3 are the glyph on the vertical column and tosses 4-6 are the horizontal column. Once you've identified your column and row find the number (1-64) that is your message.

Our symbols are:

----- — ---
--- --- & — ---
— --- -----

That got #27 which is *I or Corners of the Mouth*. The hexagram we start with. The situation as it stands. You read the description, the judgement, and the image, then think about how it is an answer to your question. I write down a few quotes that resonate with me.

Here's what I wrote down for this reading, "The bottom glyph is to nourish myself while the top glyph is to nourish others." To me, that means share what you've learned. I then read the line for 9 in the top and intuited that I need to use caution with what I share.

Now, we make the change. That sixth line was solid and is changing to broken. After the change the hexagram is #24 Return, the Turning Point.

6. ---0--- 9 — ---
5. — — — ---
4. — — — ---
3. --- — — ---
2. — — --- ---
1. ----- -----

"Societies of people who share the same views are formed" is the result of sharing what I've learned, with caution.

I then leave the back of my page empty so when I revisit readings after time passed, I can leave a follow up note to see how things actually worked out.



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ShadowEater I Ching Notes

ShadowEater's Pathworking and Self Initiation into the Study of I Ching

I Ching, or the Book of Changes is not just a super insightful method of [divination](#). Studying the text can offer an excellent road into esoteric knowledge. While I did go out and buy a [lovely hardback edition](#) with more supplemental information than the translated text itself, you can access the exact same translation of [I Ching](#), or the Book of Changes, for free online. It offers sixty four solutions to any problem a person can face. Of course there are extra qualifiers for each one, but they are supplemental in my opinion, and for what I'm talking about today, outside of scope (but please don't ignore them during regular divinatory use).

In the middle of the pandemic, my online pal Dave Awdry, host of the Unearthing Paranormalcy podcast was kind enough to explain the concept of pathworking to me. He pathworks runes, other people pathwork tarot or the Hebrew Aleph Bet. I'm sure there are myriad other systems of (previously) occult knowledge to choose from as well, but I'm fond of my thousands of years old Chinese friend, I Ching, so I chose that!

First, let's start with what pathworking is. How I understand and practice it, pathworking is a combination of academic study (reading) paired with correlating past experiences, and topped off with an [imaginal journey](#) into the realm of the subject (in this case, a single Hexagram. Read the passage, remember a time you won, lost, or called draw on that situation, then imagine themes and circumstances related to your study. Easy peasy, lemon squeezy!

Here's the hard part. There's sixty-four of them! It is also highly advisable to only do two or three a week. I averaged one a week. Life happens...

Here's the spooky part. During, after, and sometimes before the study, I found that my life's circumstances mirrored the hexagram I was studying. Yeah... Spooky! The most recent example is from #50, the Caldron. My online pal Yaramarud, host of the Administrism podcast is doing an experiment around the concept he coined, Hylaturia. It's the pairing of awareness with physical matter. I listened to a recorded lecture he gave and participated in an experiment on the subject last night, then this morning, during pathworking, the exact definition of Hylaturia came up in the text. That's another reason to give each hexagram a couple days. This work is about gaining knowledge, tying it to experience, then embodying the best strategy for those circumstances into yourself.

So, I studied all sixty-four hexagrams like that and when I was nearly finished, I realized that not only is the I Ching a conscious living being, it wanted me to initiate into the BEGINNING of my study. Yeah! A year's work got me to the beginning. Trust me, there's a lot to it, and while I feel I can speak with some intelligence about each hexagram, I KNOW there's a lot left to learn. Nonetheless, I introduced myself to each part and experienced the power of the system to

change reality or change the way I see reality (not sure there's a difference...) and my wise old friend wanted to formalize the occasion!

Here's what I did.

- I woke up early and entered gnosis. If this is an unfamiliar concept to you, a fast, reliable method I often use is a couple rounds of [Wim Hof Method breathing](#).
- Then I set offerings and made a private show of gratitude to the source of life.
- Then I [read my affirmations](#).
- Next I did the final pathworking like I described above. What? All that work first, before the magick? Oh yeah. This isn't the fast fix some people look for, but it is super effective and honestly deeply gratifying work. I've never enjoyed this level of contentment before.
- I began to wind down by attending a Yoga class, and my instructor Kellie was definitely picking up my vibe, the routine was perfect for me! I dedicated my practice to embodying the knowledge and experience I had gained, so that I can Walk the Talk.
- Then I went home and did a [spiritual bath](#) (module 1 lesson 7, page 7 of Quareia Apprentice works like a charm), and washed away the last remnants of the person society and circumstances had created in me. Then emerged as the person born from my efforts!
- Last, I finished the ritual with a lovely meal.

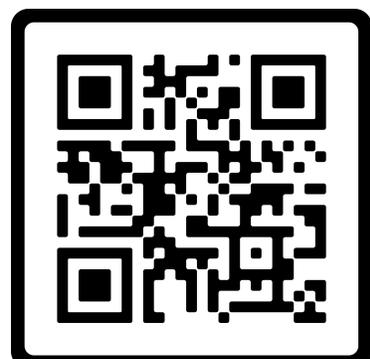
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