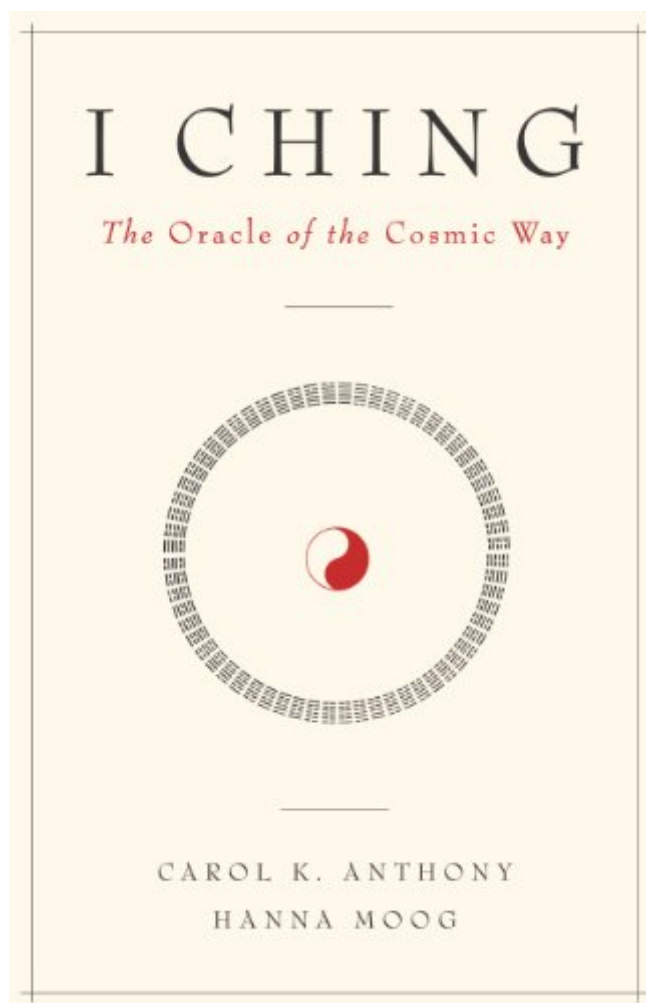


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I Ching, The Oracle Of The Cosmic Way



Synopsis

This new I Ching differs from other versions of the ancient text in that it reveals the underlying Cosmic Principles of Harmony that are contained in each hexagram. Thus, the reader is able to clearly understand the causes of the good fortune or misfortune mentioned in the oracle text; he is then able, through the oracle's counsel, to quickly correct his part in any adverse situation. As he brings his thoughts and attitudes into harmony with the Cosmos, he experiences that the Cosmos is entirely beneficent, and ready to aid him in all that he does. This new version of the I Ching was written under the guidance of the Sage, the voice that speaks through the I Ching oracle. Once freed to speak for itself, the Sage wanted to expand beyond all previous commentaries. The consequence was that the whole I Ching became integrated around several main themes, the principle one being that the Cosmos achieves its duration through its Principles of Harmony. Moreover, the chief Cosmic energy (called chi by the Chinese) is love. The oracle sayings themselves, with few exceptions, remained as written in the Richard Wilhelm translation from the Chinese. The purpose of consulting the I Ching oracle is to inquire, before an undertaking, whether we are in accord with these Cosmic Principles of Harmony, in regard to the situation at hand. When our view of the situation, or attitude about it meets with the words 'success,' or 'good fortune,' we are being assured that we will be supported by the invisible helping forces of the Cosmos. When our attitude is not in harmony, the oracle predicts 'misfortune,' meaning that these helping forces will not support what we do. The answers of the oracle are not to be taken as fortune-telling, but as reflecting the Cosmic consequences of an attitude that is not in harmony; in effect, all things not in harmony with these principles are bound to fail. All counsel given by the I Ching is directed toward helping us return to harmony with the Cosmos. In the light of these principles we will be able to recognize particular mistaken ideas that are the cause of the misfortune. This book is the first I Ching oracle that shows how to deprogram the obstructing ideas, and thus enable us to reunite with the Cosmic Harmony. Also presented in this book is an innovative method of communicating directly with the Sage that speaks through the I Ching. This method allows us to clarify its message to the point where we have reached an adequate understanding. Regularly consulting the I Ching in this way leads to clarifying insights into our life's purpose, and to a pronounced increase in our creativity. It was through this method, in combination with meditations and dreams, that the Sage gave the authors the completely new perspective on the nature of the Cosmos, human nature, and the place of humans within the Cosmic Whole described here. Rather than presenting us with fixed answers to every problem, this I Ching allows the Sage to show us the path by which we can return to harmony, and thereby achieve success that endures. The book contains an extensive Appendix of

practical methods: how to communicate directly with the Sage How to free yourself, at the root, from fates you have created, from compulsive behaviors, from co-dependency, and how to free your self-healing abilities.

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How do I spell "relief?" I CHING : ORACLE OF THE COSMIC WAY. In all my years of trying to find out what's wrong with the world; what's wrong with this relationship; what's wrong with this job; what's wrong with this town, I also spent time and energy to find out what's wrong with me. Problem was that even when I understood things intellectually; even when I could put them into poems; even when I had performed the prescribed rituals, those same sad, sour problems stayed with me. I have felt as if I was under a curse. Sure enough. I have been living under the control of an treacherous,inner tyrant. My own ego. Even though I tried to find relief in scriptures, prayers, practices, shamanic rituals, affirmations, creative expression, bodywork, those activities never addressed the real cause of the suffering. I CHING: ORACLE OF THE COSMIC WAY shows me an entirely different perspective. Now I can sometimes sense the decaying presence of my own ego. I can almost feel the muscles of my trueself, the person I really am, in comparison with the flimsey

costumes of the ego masquerading as me. Now sometimes, I can clearly tell the difference between the two. How can a book bring about such an awareness? First of all, I CHING;ORACLE OF THE COSMIC WAY is not a book. Yeah, it looks like one and you DO read it. But it's really a kind of intimacy with one's own Wisdom, the Sage, a presence that the ego cannot manipulate and colonize. The Sage answers clearly when I throw the Three Coins, usually in the written Hexagrams, and sometimes in the "stillest, smallest Voice" I ever heard. If I don't understand, I just ask for clarification and throw the coins until I do.

The criticisms of the Oracle of the Cosmic Way expressed in reviews here unquestionably have validity. However, it may be wise to exercise caution in basing on these criticisms one's decision of whether to engage this version of the I Ching. The I Ching and the Sage are one being. The Sage will speak to each of us according to our understanding and desire to learn. It is the Sage who should ultimately guide any decision about the version of the I Ching with which to work in a process of serious study. Turn within and consult that ultimate Oracle for best guidance. The Oracle of the Cosmic Way is a unique expression of the Sage that will speak profoundly to some students. If you hold these truths to be self-evident you may be one of those students:1. There are two basic realities with which we must come to terms, that of the actual reality of the cosmic harmonies, and that of the parallel reality of the ego, which is not real at all but is the world most people at the current time operate in and out of. The I Ching guides us to relate effectively with both realities.2. We are always connected with the cosmic harmonies through the aligned perception of our inner and outer senses, and through our inner truth which also connects us to the inner truth in each person. We need only to clear away the debris of the ego in our mind to allow that which always is to be.3. The ego has become our mind through a programming process that took place in our childhoods. Its program is designed to be extremely difficult to permanently remove, but this difficulty is only from the perspective of the ego. The ego operates through the misuse of the word by human beings.

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