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The Complete I Ching _ 10th Anniversary Edition: The Definitive Translation By Taoist Master Alfred Huang



Synopsis

A revised edition of the definitive translation of the world's most important book of divination
The first English translation from within the tradition by a Chinese Taoist Master
Includes translations of the Ten Wings--the commentaries by Confucius essential to the I Ching's insights
Translated by the eminent Taoist Master Alfred Huang, The Complete I Ching has been praised by scholars and new students of the I Ching since its first edition. A native Chinese speaker, Master Huang first translated the original ideograms of the I Ching into contemporary Chinese and then into English, bringing forth the intuitive meanings embodied in the images of the I Ching and imbuing his translation with an accuracy and authenticity not possible in other English translations. However, what makes his translation truly definitive is his return to prominence of the Ten Wings, the commentaries by Confucius that are essential to the I Ching's insights. This 10th anniversary edition offers a thorough introduction to the history of the I Ching, how to use it, and several new divination methods; in-depth and easy-to-reference translations of each hexagram name, description, and pictogram; and discussions of the interrelations between the hexagrams and the spiritual meaning of their sequence.

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Alfred Huang is Chinese-born. As Dean at Shanghai University he studied and taught the less common Wu-style of Tai Chi Chuan and other classical Chinese esoteric arts, and as a consequence suffered imprisonment and persecution at the hands of the Chinese Communist government through the 1950s and 60s: the official line was that anything from China's ancient

Taoist/Confucian classical culture was rooted in "feudalism" and "superstition" and adherents should be punished and "re-educated". Pardoned and released following the death of Mao, Huang emigrated to Hawaii in 1980 where he discovered to his surprise that a genuine interest in the I-Ching existed in the west, decided he didn't think any of the other English translations were good enough and wrote this own. In common with virtually all latter-day translators of the oracle - John Blofeld, Stephen Karcher, Hua Ching Ni and all the rest - Huang claims HIS translation is "the definitive one", closest to the meaning of the classical original. In his case, he might even be right. For the reader unfamiliar with the layout of the I-Ching: the 64 hexagrams - or 'gua' - each have a dynamic structure which moves upwards from the bottom (the first line) and naturally divides into two trigrams: the upper and lower. Each of the six lines of each hexagram have the value of either 7 or 9 = a Yang (unbroken, strong), alternately 6 or 8 = a Yin (broken, yielding) line, and their complex interrelationship gives each gua its unique nature and meaning.

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