

Glossary of Yí Jīng Terms

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Proper Nouns / Names

易經	Yì Jīng	Change Classic, Book of Change(s)
周易	Zhōu Yì	Changes of the Zhou (the original text from the Zhou dynasty, sans commentary tradition)
焦氏易林	Jiāo Shì Yì Lín	Master Jiao's Change Forest (1st c. BCE oracle describing all 4096 transmutations of the 64 hexagrams)
伏羲	Fū Xī	circa 2800 BCE [progenitor of Chinese civilization, invents trigrams & divination practices]
大禹	Dà Yǔ	the Great Yǔ, Yǔ the Great [founder of the Xia Dynasty, circa 2200 BCE]
文王	Wén Wáng	Literary/Cultural King [leader/king of the Zhou people, commits Zhou Yi to writing]
武王	Wǔ Wáng	Martial/Military King [one of K. Wen's sons, accomplishes the military overthrow of the Shang, 1122 BCE]
周公	Zhōu Gōng	Duke of Zhou [K. Wu's brother, becomes regent of the empire when he dies; author of the line texts]
帝乙	Dì Yǐ	Emperor Yi [last Shang ruler, he is depicted as a decadent and tyrannical ruler, he imprisons K. Wen]
孔夫子	Kǒng Fū-zǐ	Confucius (Master Kong)
儒家	Rú Jiā	Confucian School
邵雍	Shào Yōng	[1011-1077] Song Yi Jing scholar (major proponent of the Form & Number school)
朱熹	Zhū Xī	[1130-1200] (author of Yi Xue Qi Meng = Change Study Primer 1186)
康熙	Kāng Xī	the 2nd Qing emperor, reigned 1662-1722, authorized 1715 edition of Yi Jing
馬王堆	Mǎ Wáng Duī	tombs in central Hunan where Yi Jing manuscripts from ~190 BCE were found in 1973

General Terms

卦 八卦	Guà Bā Guà	divinatory symbols 8 Trigrams	(trigram or hexagram)
本卦 之卦	Běn Guà Zhī Guà	initial hexagram resulting hexagram	
陰 陽	Yīn Yáng	shady side of a hill; overcast day sunny side of a hill; sunny day	
天 地	Tiān Dì	Sky/Heaven/Celestial Earth/Terrestrial	
四像/象	Sì Xiàng	Four Symbols/Emblems	
太陽 少陽	Tài Yáng ShàoYáng	old/mature yang young yang	(yang gone to its extreme) (yang increasing)
少陰 太陰	ShàoYīn Tài Yīn	young yin old/mature yin	(yin increasing) (yin gone to its extreme)
上經 下經	Shàng Jīng Xià Jīng	Upper Canon Lower Canon	(hexagrams 1-30) (hexagrams 31-64)

十翼 Shí Yì = 10 Wings

彖傳	Tuàn Zhuàn	Wings 1 & 2	Comments/Commentary on the Decision/Judgment
象傳	Xiàng Zhuàn	Wings 3 & 4	Comments/Commentary on the Images [of the trigrams]
大象/像	Dà Xiàng	Larger Images	the component trigram images
小象/像	Xiǎo Xiàng	Smaller Images	comments on the line texts (Wilhelm Book III, b) under the individual lines
大傳	Dà Zhuàn	Wings 5 & 6	The Great Commentary/Treatise (is divided into two parts, each part is further divided into 12 subsections)
繫辭	Xì Cí	Appended Statements	part of, or another name for the Da Zhuan
大衍	Dà Yǎn	Great Extension/Expansion	a subsection of the Da Zhuan [I.ix.1-8], that discusses yarrow-stalk method & numerology.
文言	Wén Yán	7th Wing	Words on the Text (commentary on texts of H: 1 & 2)
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Schools and Words Meaning Change

命	mìng	life, destiny, fate; command, order
天命	Tiān Mìng	Mandate of Heaven, Celestial Decree
義理	Yì Lǐ	Meaning & Principle (school)
像數	Xiàng Shǔ	Form & Number (school)
派	pài	school
塾	shú	school
道	Dào	The Way
易	yì	change, natural evolutionary change; day to day, day into night, seasonal; change as the universal constant
變	biàn	generic change, vary
化	huà	transform, morph
變化	biàn-huà	transformation, metamorphosis
換	huàn	change, exchange
革	gé	change, renew, reform; remove, overthrow; revolt, revolution
更	gēng	change, alter, modify; change clothes
成	chéng	change, become, turn into, complete, accomplish, succeed in becoming

八卦 Bā Guà = 8 Trigrams

incl. Pīn-Yīn - Natural Image - Attributes

乾	Qián	Heaven	Creativity
兌	Duì	Lake/marsh	Joyous, tranquil, reflective (still water)
離	Lí	Fire/light	brilliance, illumination, clarity & intelligence, Clinging
震	Zhèn	Thunder	Arousing, momentum, initiating, impulsive, shocking
巽	Xùn	Wind/breeze	Gentle, penetrating (wood)
坎	Kǎn	Water	Darkness, danger, difficulty (moving water)
艮	Gèn	Mountain	Keeping Still meditation
坤	Kūn	Earth	Receptive, adaptive, devoted, supportive, nurturing

五常 Wǔ Cháng

The 5 Constants (perennial values/virtues)

信	Xīn	loyalty, trust, sincerity
義	Yì	correctness, etiquette, justice
禮	Lǐ	ritual propriety, principle
智	Zhì	wisdom
仁	Rén	compassion, kindness, benevolence
君子	Jūn-zi	nobleman/noble person, person of high integrity, exemplary person

爻 Yáo = Líne(s)

爻	yáo	line(s)
位	wèi	position, seat (location)
爻 位	yáo wèi	line position
正 位	zhèng wèi	correct, proper position (when a line & its position are in accord)
中	zhōng	central line (of a trigram, of a hexagram = lines 2 & 5)
相	xiāng	mutually, reciprocal relationship, correlate; = corresponding lines
主 人	zhǔ rén	host/ruling line

The Five Phase/Elements

木	Mù	Wood
火	Huǒ	Fire
金	Jīn	Metal
水	Shuǐ	Water
土	Tǔ	Earth/Soil

生數	shēng shù	engendering #, concerns the creation of the five elements by H & E
成數	chéng shù	completion #, concerns the creation of the five elements by H & E

生	Shēng	generation, production cycle (CL circle depicting relations between the elements)
剋/克	Kè	control/restraining cycle (CCL star depicting relations between the elements)

Cosmological Terms

無極	Wú Jí	without beginning, nothingness, or no-thing-ness
太極	Tài Jí	the great polarization
天 地 人	Tiān, Dì, Rén	Heaven, Earth & Human Realms
萬 物	Wàn Wù	the 10,000 things (the myriad of things; all things, creatures, manifestations)
先天	Xiān Tiān	Former Heaven (arrangement of trigrams attributed to Fu Xi)
後天	Hòu Tiān	Latter Heaven (arrangement of trigrams attributed to King Wen)
河圖	Hé Tú	[Yellow] River Map <i>attributed to Fu Xi (~2800 BCE)</i>
洛書	Luò Shū	Luo [River] Writing <i>attributed to the Great Yu (~2200 BCE)</i>

Trigrams

互卦
體卦
用卦

Hù Guà

Nuclear Trigrams or Hexagrams

Tǐ Guà

the primary trigram

Yǒng Guà

the trigrams representing manifestations of
or influences on the Ti Gua

上卦
外卦

shàng guà

upper trigram

wài guà

outer trigram

下卦
內卦

xià guà

lower trigram

nèi guà

inner trigram

Numbers and Hexagrams

六	liù	six
九	jiǔ	nine
初	chū	bottom, base (bottom/first line)
上	shàng	top, upper (top/sixth line)
卦畫	Guà Huà	trigram or hexagram symbol/graphic
卦名	Guà Míng	trigram or hexagram name
卦詞	Guà Cí	hexagram statements, the Judgment texts
象	Tuàn	hexagram Decision or Judgment

The Four Terms

四德
元
亨
利
貞
享

Sì Dé
yuán
hēng
lì
zhēn
xiǎng

The Four Terms (also Virtues)
original
sacrifice
beneficial, advantageous; favorable
to divine, divination
sacrificial offering

章
部
期

zhāng
bù
qī

chapter, section; = a Meton cycle of 19.1 years
4 zhang = a Callipic cycle of 76.4 years
any long cycle or period of time such as a decade or century

九宮

Jiǔ Gōng

9 Palaces (magic square of 15)