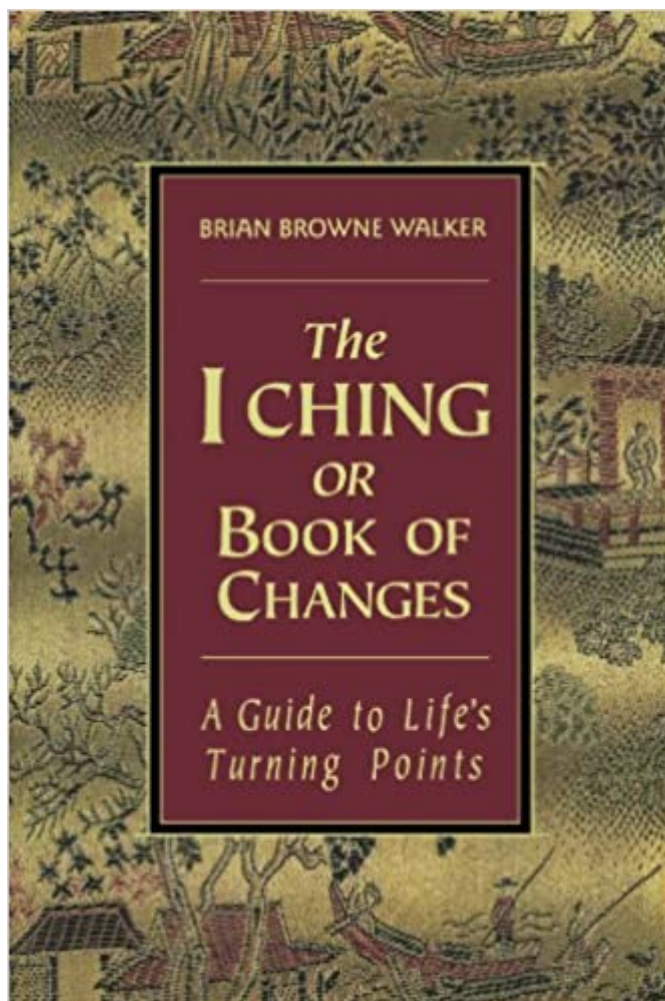


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# The I Ching Or Book Of Changes: A Guide To Life's Turning Points



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An old chiropractor of mine recommended this translation of The I Ching to me many years ago. I've used it weekly w/a couple of decades now; to supplement other I Ching translations, including the Wilhelm/Baynes version or to use just by itself, or if I'm in a hurry. What I like especially about Brian Brown Walker's book is that the author gives a lot of 'meat' ('tofu' ??) w/o getting overly 'wordy' or complicated. However, the core concepts & 'truths' described are quite apt & dovetail perfectly with other 'truthy' longer I Ching versions that I've found over the years. I even have TWO copies of this book in my house (I misplaced this book once & I ordered a 2nd copy). Now I'm never without my 2nd favorite version of the I Ching. And it's so fast; I can throw the I Ching, look up the resulting hexagrams & read what this book says about each one in a pretty short time, if I'm pressed. However, if I want to go back & meditate longer on the answer, this translation is good for that too. It's such an inexpensive book, it's one of the best bargains out there.

I bought my original copy of this book back in 2006 and I just bought a new one to replace it. This is in my opinion the best translation of The I-Ching that I've ever encountered. It's honest and has a certain elegance that pays homage to the great tradition of Taoism. The language is gentle. No unnecessary "thou art" language. The tone in which it is written is balanced and respectful and the guidance offered by this book has been of great help to me.

The instructions for how to use the i ching were thankfully clear and unfussy. However, it seemed to me that regardless of which hexagram was drawn, the advice was somewhat the same. Be humble, be patient, be good. I was hoping the difference between hexagrams would be more extreme, with some encouraging fasting and good deeds, others feasting and murder. I also felt the world view of

the book was a little too Confucian to be useful to people like me. I am not even sure it would be healthy for an American to try and be as placid, gentle and content as the book recommends. It makes me think of the "Tranquility Now" episode from Seinfeld.

I became interested in the I Ching about ten years ago. My interest peaked a few years back and I went a little crazy, purchasing almost every English translation available. Luckily there is no need for you to make the same mistake. Of the 30 odd versions I once had on my bookshelf, only 3 remain: Brian Browne Walker's *The I Ching or Book of Changes* (this book) Carol Anthony's *A Guide to the I Ching* R. L. Wing's *The I Ching Workbook* In my opinion, these three versions (together) are the only ones you will ever need to find meaningful answers when consulting the oracle. Don't waste your time with others, even Wilhelm's famous translation. The only reason to purchase Wilhelm's version now is for the brilliant introduction written by Carl Jung (yes, that Carl Jung!) but this foreword is freely available online which makes Wilhelm's admittedly wonderful contribution to the subject somewhat obsolete. The only complaint about this particular version, and the reason for 4\*'s, is that it is perhaps too concise. The descriptions of the hexagrams and changing lines will often leave readers wanting more detail and further explanation on the subject of their inquiry. This is still an excellent translation and probably the best introductory book available on the subject as it offers none of the prosaic, fortune-cookie-wisdom often found in almost all other versions of the I Ching available to us in English. Great work, Mr. Walker. I can only hope you're working on an extended version.

My favorite, usable edition of I Ching guides/interpretations of hexagrams. He speaks/writes in contemporary streams of some sort of hybrid between Buddhist, Quaker, and metaphysical thinking. Very readable and relevant. The "Ching" always seems to give responses that are exactly what I need to hear, and Brian's translation makes them readily assimilable.

This book is the air that I breathe. It speaks for itself to each one of us, in our own way. And this is the best translation I've ever read.

A very good version of the I Ching. Good to have as a companion book for the more traditional Blofeld translation. Comparing the texts of the two versions often helps make the message clearer - the direct-from-old-Chinese Blofeld translation can be rather enigmatic (even with Blofeld's copious footnotes), something that the warmly human and more practically helpful readings in the Walker

version help clarify. Walker deals much less with the picturesque imagery used in the original I Ching, but his more explicit interpretations often make sense of these images, rendering them more memorably symbolic.

An author twitter friend had a very interesting character in his latest Kindle book "Walking Away From The King" who had a serenity about him that seemed to emanate from his spiritual connection to the I Ching. This peaked my interest and I got this book about 6 weeks ago. I cast almost daily with the 3 dimes method and the results have been most valuable. The advice is the Sage is both timely and consistent. The lessons learned are real and helpful in managing one's life. Check it out. Balance is the key!

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