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## Fun with You Tube

I have been behind the camera before when I was working on commercial videos – projects which grew out of proposal campaigns Getting in front is ... well interesting.

I shot and edited a long one and put it on youtube. It will come up if you type, "easy iching tutorial" into google search, then added clips to the [www.iChing.Wiki](http://www.iChing.Wiki) website.

iChing.Wiki presents what I am still learning and what I did learn in my research for a book titled, *I Ching of a Thousand Doors*. Check out my author's website: <https://www.jamesrolsen.com>

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The purpose of building iChing.Wiki is to encourage people to live a spiritual life. While the I Ching gives practical advice, it can aid you on your spiritual path.

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A law of nature in the modern world:

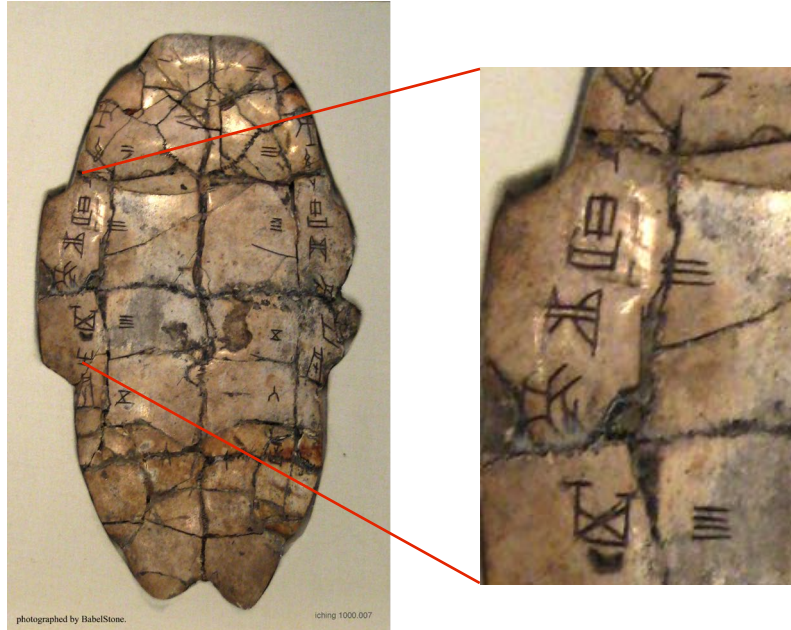
*As the snow falls.*

*Transformation is inevitable.*

*Before it becomes water,*

*It must be shoveled and plowed.*

*Jim Olsen*



## I Ching and Writing

The *I Ching* and Chinese writing grew up together. The earliest writing system, Cuneiform, dealt with concrete things and historical events — some of which are now seen by some historians as the source of some Biblical accounts such as the Great Flood. Like many systems, it began with pictograms — a drawing of the object it represents. As time goes on, pictograms get simplified. Ideograms, representing non-concrete ideas are added.

The earliest Chinese characters were used for divination! They can be found on turtle shells and the shoulder-blade bones from cattle. Divination was done by heating cracks and reading the cracks for divination. The characters appear along with trigrams and hexagrams that would become the 64 Hexagrams of *I Ching*.

🐉 By 1000 BC, the characters had become a writing system painted on silk and bamboo strips. And would be used a manual of divination — the *I Ching* we read today.





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## Lost Stories Obscure Original Meaning

The *I Ching* is ambiguous to modern readers, a fact which many see as an advantage for making correlations with your own thoughts.

The *I Ching* text draws from the cultural references and stories of the time. Imagine we were to create our own divination manual today. We might write, "Be wary of strangers, Little Red Riding Hood in the forest." 3,000 years from now, if the reader did not know the story for Little Red Riding Hood, the much of the meaning would be lost. Some other correlation for caution might even be made for our future translators: Caution: the color red; Caution: a hood.

Examples of some common words in the *I Ching*, the characters meaning and different translations:

君子 jūnzǐ — 君 Noble Person 子 Son/child — Translated: Superior man, Noble, Prince, Superior Self

大人 dà rén — 大 Big 人 Person — Translated: Great Man, Big Men, Greater the You, Sage.

小人 dà rén – 小 Small 人 Person – Translated: Small Man, Small Men, Inferior Man, Petty Person.

亨元 hēng yuán – 亨 Treat 元 Grand – Translated: Grant Treat, Beneficial to Determine, Supreme Offering, Supreme Success, Great and Penetrating.

亨 hēng – 亨 Treat – Translated: Treat, Beneficial to Determine, Favorable, Success.

無咎 wú jiù – 無 no 咎 misfortune – No misfortune, No Blame, No Mistake, Without Blame.

Translations such as these come together in the translations we read such as this one from Margaret Pearson, *The Original I Ching* for Hexagram 42.

42 益 ䷗

(yi) Increase

Increase. It is beneficial to have a destination. It is effective to ford the great steam.

- Nine in the first place: It is effective to do a great deed. Great good fortune: no blame.
- Six in the second place: Some success from it: ten double strings for turtle shells. The persistence of water brings good fortune, The ruler offers incense to God.

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- Nine at the top....

**Image**

Wind and thunder: the image of increase. When you see good, you should turn toward it. Where there are mistakes, you should correct them.