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A Place to Live

Our semi-rural county has a surprising number of people who are working but cannot afford to rent a home or apartment. A number of non-profits and citizens have been working on the problem for a couple of years now.

So, what would affordable housing look like. It appears to be more than just a place to live because the household must pay for transportation, child care, health care... its a whole-life issue.

*It is not affordable housing,
It is affordable living.*

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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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*The swirling winds of Yang.
Approaches a waiting shore.
In Hurricane's eye lies Yin.*

Jim Olsen



Nature Delivers Yang

Hurricane's clouds of swirling winds, Yang, has within it the Eye, the calm Yin. Its power comes from the water and air around, *yielding* its energy to the yang cycle which concentrates it into a destructive force of nature.

As it strikes the land, the receptive earth of Hexagram 2, the power is dissipated. But, the land has been torn up and flooded with rain and tears. The suffering people show the best traits of humanity as they reach out to help their fellow humans.

Oh, that the power of Yin will come in its turn, as the receptive turns the destructive power into creative recovery and growth.





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Yin-Yang Principle in Nature and Humanity

The Yin-Yang principle permeates the operation of nature, human affairs, the very ideas we hold in our minds, and the operation of the *I Ching*.

*We know good.
But if something is good — then something is made bad
Existence and non-existence define each other
Difficulty and ease produce the idea of each other
Long and short fashion each other
High and low define each other by their contrast
Musical notes and tones become harmonious with each other
And before and after present the idea on one after the other*
— based on *Daodejing*, verse 2.



*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is
planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones
together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sow;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
— The Holy Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 KJV*

While we might try to figure out how it all works our time-driven world, a couple of millennia ago, Zhuangzi advised:

*Joy and anger, sadness and pleasure,
anticipation and regret, fickleness and
fixedness,
vehemence and indolence, eagerness and
tardiness;
like music from an empty tube,
or mushrooms from the warm moisture,*

*day and night succeed to one another
and come before us,
and we do not know whence they sprout.
Leave it be! Leave it be!
Can we expect to find out suddenly
how they are produced?
— Zhuangzi.*

Nearly every spiritual tradition, one way or the other, presents something which underlies this cycle, the dynamic of change that exists in time and space. Something unchanging from which it arises, something which exists outside of time. In the language of the *I Ching*, this is the Dao.