



Multimedia Session - Chapter 1 Bookstore - Thursdays 6:30 pm

iChing.Wiki NEWS

Fun with the Yi

A small, fun group wants to keep on going with the I Ching, so we are doing a session every Thursday. Shaun at Chapter 1 has been kind enough to continue to let us use his space.

Shop Local order you I Ching book today from Chapter 1 Bookstore if you haven't already.

A week ago we were talking about setting up a ritual and centering your mind to approach the Sage. Someone asked what I did. Oh no – I had to tell everyone about my stuffed animal collection who join me on my explorations of the mind.

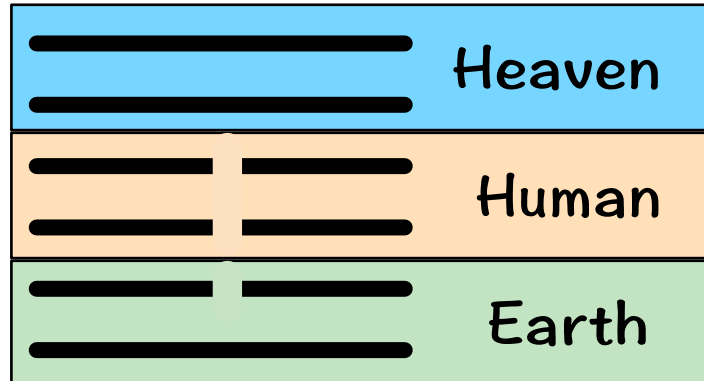
Yesterday, I brought them. The two that are steampunked were made by my wife, Mary Byers.

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.

Happy Almost Valentines Day!

Jim Olsen

Three Powers



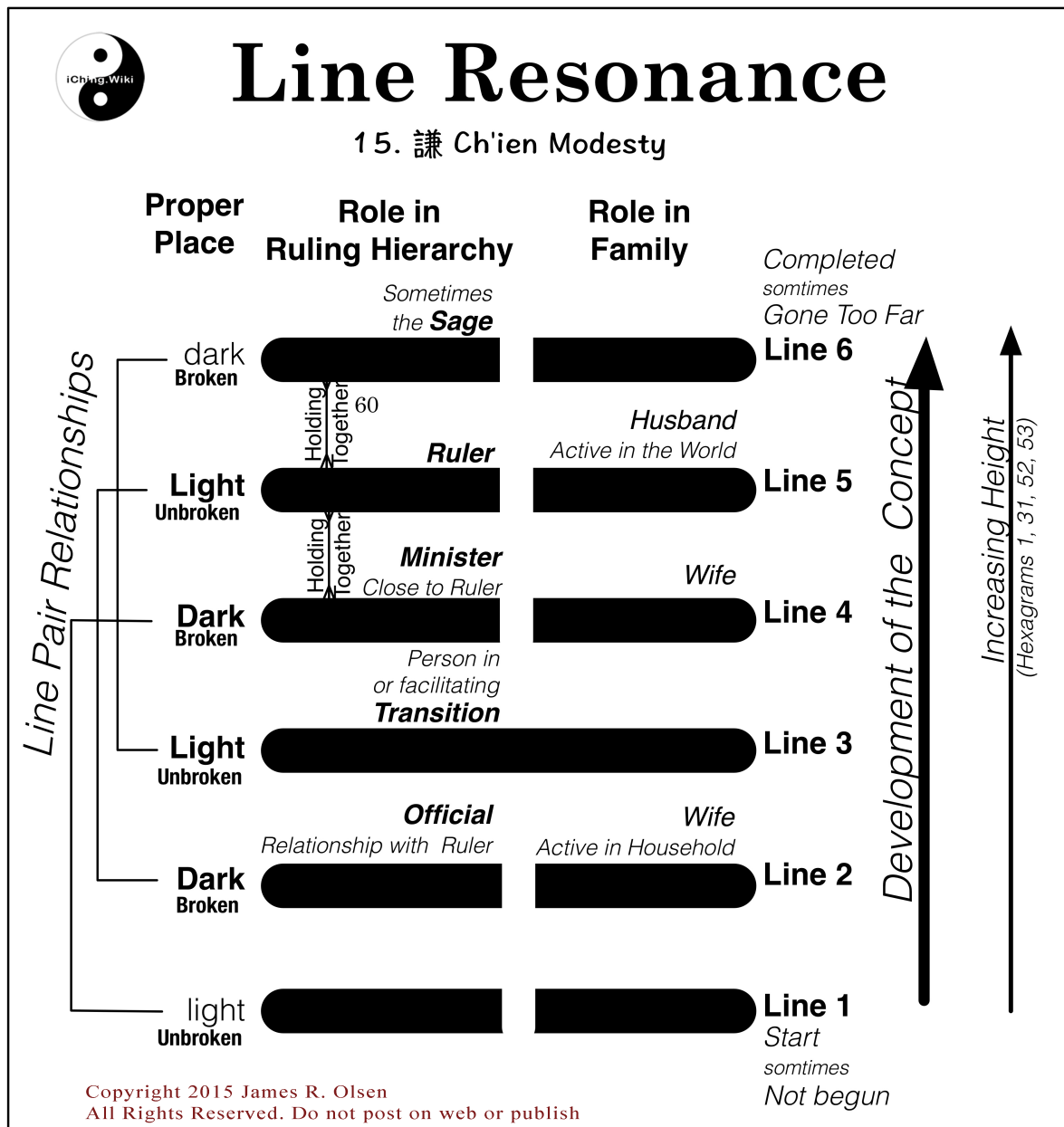
The Relationships

The *I Ching* is built upon relationships, coming from both the perspective of Laozi's *Daodejing* (*Tao te Ching*), the relationship of humans with nature — and Confucius, the relationship of humans with each other. We add the spiritual domain of Heaven, calling for the relationships to be correct and virtuous and we get The Three Powers: Heaven, Human, and Earth.

This idea is spelled out in the Great Treatise, which can be found in Book II of Wilhelm's translation as well as Lynn's and others — an idea which permeates the readings you will get in the *I Ching*. The Way, the Dao, of aligning yourself with the cycles of nature as Laozi advises, and The Way, the Dao, of approaching your fellow humans with virtue in your heart as advised by Confucius.

The Three Powers captures both ideas.





Advanced Advice

On January 31 we examined Confucius and his secular-humanist philosophy and how it is presented in the *I Ching*. The Image Statement in every reading his Confucian — what would the Superior Person do in this situation. The more subtle commentary, which is often useful when the Judgment, Image Statement, and Changing Lines leaves you wondering can be found in Book III of Wilhelm. It is organized just like the front of the book, listing each Hexagram by number — but in Book III at the back of the book, the translation of Book I is repeated, and additional commentary is provided.

It often deals with the line relationships illustrated above. For a particular Hexagram one or more of the ideas may come into play, the Ruling Lines, both the designated ruler and the virtuous ruler — oh that they might be embodied in the same person. The relationships between officials, ministers, and the ruler — which can be the material world or a metaphor for your own mind.