

## 7.9 Plum Blossom Numerology and I Ching

Set a timer for three minutes.

Close your eyes and slow your breath, arriving at a state of calm, stillness, and tranquility. Reflect on what question you would like to present to the Oracle for divination. Note that question in the space provided.

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Focus on the question, meditating on the context around why you are presenting this question for divination.

When the timer indicates that three minutes is up, open your eyes and immediately, without thought, write down one three-digit number (or one single digit number in each of the three spaces provided below).

FIRST:

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After a slight pause, again as spontaneously as you can, write down a second three-digit number.









SECOND:

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Take the total sum of the FIRST three-digit number you wrote down and divide by 8.

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| Total Sum of First: | ÷ 8 = | Quotient: | Remainder: |
|                     |       |           |            |

The Remainder value corresponds with the **Lower Trigram**. Note your Lower Trigram result in the space provided below. Turn to Chapter 5 of the *I Ching, The Oracle* text and take note of the trigram correspondences. These correspondences alert you to the root or foundational metaphysical driving forces over the matter at hand.

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  | 7   | 8   |
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| Qían<br>HEAVEN  | Duì<br>LAKE   | Lí<br>FIRE  | Zhèn<br>THUNDER   | Xùn<br>WIND   | Kǎn<br>WATER   | Gě'n<br>MOUNTAIN  | Kūn<br>EARTH  |

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| LOWER TRIGRAM |  |
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Take the total sum of the SECOND three-digit number you wrote down and divide by 8.

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| Total Sum of Second: | ÷ 8 = | Quotient: | Remainder: |
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The Remainder value corresponds with the **Upper Trigram**. Note your Upper Trigram result in the space provided below. These correspondences alert you to the metaphysical driving forces that will most impact the outcome of the matter at hand, *and* are the forces well within your control (or can be changed when you appeal to the governing spiritual and divine forces).

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| UPPER TRIGRAM |  |
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| Upper Trigram: | Your Hexagram Result: |
| Lower Trigram: |                       |

Take notes on the Oracle message corresponding with your Hexagram Result:

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Now add up the Total Sum from the First and the Total Sum of the Second:

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| Total Sum of First | + | Total Sum of Second | = | <b>NEW SUM</b> |
|                    |   |                     |   |                |

Take the New Sum you've calculated and divide by 6.

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| Total Sum of Second: | ÷ 6 = | Quotient: | Remainder: |
|                      |       |           |            |

The Remainder value corresponds with the **Changing Line**. *Example:* If your Remainder value is 3, then read Line 3 of the hexagram text. If your New Sum divides evenly into 6 for a Remainder of 0, then read Line 6.

Take notes on the Line Text. If you can solve the meaning of this riddle, then you will have attained all the insight needed to navigate the matter at hand.

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