

7.12 Using the I Ching to Find Lost Objects

The next time you've misplaced your wallet or keys, test drive the I Ching to see if the Oracle can help you locate lost objects. There are a few grounding guidelines, however. First, you must have put in a sincere, good faith effort to search for it on your own, without the help of the Oracle. Demonstrate that you've already tried.

WHAT YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR:

Any of the divination methods instructed in this chapter will do. However, as you perform the divination, intend that **no changing lines will be observed**. No matter the result, you will only be looking at a single hexagram, and not at any transformed hexagrams that the changing lines yield. Instead, the changing lines in this reading will only refer to the Line text for the single hexagram.

Proceed with the divination method.

Line 6			UPPER TRIGRAM:	HEXAGRAM RESULT:
Line 5				
Line 4				
Line 3			LOWER TRIGRAM:	
Line 2				
Line 1				

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

Note the Line Text of the hexagram corresponding with your Changing Line:

Proceed with an Image and Number tradition of interpretation, where you look at the metaphysical correspondences for the pair of trigrams forming the hexagram result.

Since the subject matter is about locating a lost object, focus on the directional, materials, and land forms correspondences for the two trigrams. These correspondences are provided in Chapter 5. Also, scan down the correspondence table at the back of this worksheet, “Ba Gua: Eight Trigrams Correspondence Table.”

UPPER TRIGRAM	Direction:	
	Materials:	
	Land Forms:	
LOWER TRIGRAM	Direction:	
	Materials:	
	Land Forms:	

Focus on the directional and land formation or building structure correspondences for the trigrams. Take note of the correspondences in the row “Forms” in the Ba Gua table at the back of this worksheet.

Use the two trigrams like Cartesian coordinates x and y to cross-reference the precise area of where the lost object might be.

An example of how to adopt this approach for locating lost objects is provided in the Practicum 7.12 section of *I Ching, The Oracle*.

WHERE YOU ULTIMATELY FOUND THE LOST OBJECT:

Ba Gua: Eight Trigrams Correspondence Table

Ba Gua Eight Trigrams	 Heaven. Qian	 Lake. Dui	 Fire. Li	 Thunder. Zhen
Qi in Nature	The Sky Stellar Matter	The Wetlands Marsh, Lowland	The Blaze Heat & Light	Shockwaves Electric Charge
Wu Xing Phase	金 Metal <i>Order; Dividing Disseminating</i>	金 Metal <i>Order; Dividing Disseminating</i>	火 Fire <i>Illuminate; Swell Expand; Advance</i>	木 Wood <i>Arising, Awaken Impact; Impel</i>
Planet	Venus	Venus	Mars; Sun	Jupiter
Archetype	VIRTUOSO Creator	WARRIOR Guardian	PHILOSOPHER Pathfinder	SPELLCASTER Agitator
Qi Quality	Creativity Inspiration Driven; Assert Celestial Willpower Greater Purpose Upper World	Incubator Nourishing Prosperous Commerce Harvest To Multiply Development	Solar Force Mesmerism Clarify Enlighten Victory Illuminate Logic, Reason	Provoke Incite Defend Stimulate Clear the Road Justice Reckoning
Traits	Regal Ethereal Decisive Clear-Minded	Charismatic Expressive Romantic Optimistic	Ambitious Extroverted Intelligent Sophisticated	Powerful Dissident Nonconformist Ambitious
Anatomy	The Head	The Mouth	The Eyes	The Feet
Direction	Northwest	West	South	East
Moon Phase	Full Moon	Waxing Gibbous	First Quarter	Waning Crescent
Natural Cycle	Start of Winter	Autumn Equinox	Summer Solstice	Vernal Equinox
Mystery Cycle	Start of Autumn	Autumn Equinox	Winter Solstice	Vernal Equinox
Immortal	Han Xiang Zi, patron of musicians; prodigy	Zhong Li Quan, patron of warriors, magi, and alchemists	Lu Dong Bin, patron of scholars, literati, high magic	Cao Guo Jiu, patron of nobles and aristocracy; social justice
Ritual Tool	Flute	Fan	Sword	Clappers
Patron God of the Wu Shaman	Tian Di, Father Sky God	Queen Mother of the West	God of Fire/Sun God of Time	God of Thunder Eastern Mother
Bodhisattva	Akashagarbha, of the infinite sky; akasha	Maitreya, agape love; promise of a bright future	Manjushri, wisdom; tame the beast mind	Vajrapani, hand of god; power; subdue demons
Oracle Bone Script				
Four Images	Elder Yang	Elder Yang	Younger Yang	Younger Yang
Primordial	Yang	Yin	Yang	Yin

Ba Gua

Eight Trigrams



Heaven. Qian



Lake. Dui



Fire. Li



Thunder. Zhen

Zodiac Animals	Dog Boar	Rooster	Horse	Rabbit
Totemic Animal	Horse	Sheep Tiger	Phoenix Pheasant	Dragon
Forms	Circle Jade Gold Metal Fruit of Trees Precious Stones Capital City	Silver Light Metals Ornaments Metal Instruments Wetlands Valleys	Sword and Spear Helmet Heat Light Deserts Arid Plains	Roadways Bamboo Hand of God Wood Drums Forests Dried Grass
Personage	Elders; Kingship Authority Aristocracy	Young Children Researchers Hospitality; Law	Scholars, Soldiers Managers; Sales Innovators	Age 30 – 40; Fast Paced Industries; Technology
Life Aspect (per Feng Shui)	blessings; allies; friends; clan; opportunities	fertility, progeny, nurturing, scion, lineage, produce	honor; fame; status, reputation victory, ambition	family, ancestry, health, good luck past lives, fate
Tarot Major Arcana *	Key 0: Fool Key 3: Empress	Key 6: Lovers Key 17: Star	Key 4: Emperor Key 19: Sun	Key 16: Tower Key 20 Judgmt.
Tarot Courts	King of Swords Knight of Swords	Queen of Swords Page of Swords	King of Wands Knight of Wands	Queen of Wands Page of Wands
Tarot Minor Arcana Pips	Ace of Swords Three of Swords Five of Swords Seven of Swords Nine of Swords	Two of Swords Four of Swords Six of Swords Eight of Swords Ten of Swords	Ace of Wands Three of Wands Five of Wands Seven of Wands Nine of Wands	Two of Wands Four of Wands Six of Wands Eight of Wands Ten of Wands

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Eight Trigrams



Wind. Xun



Water. Kan



Mountain. Gen



Earth. Kun

Qi in Nature	Movement of Air and Gases	Hydrosphere; Fluids of Life	Mounds & Hills; Peaks; Elevation	The Field Soil; Garden
Wu Xing Phase	木 Wood <i>Arising, Awaken Impact; Impel</i>	水 Water <i>Dissolve, Flux Disintegrate</i>	土 Earth <i>Temperance Stasis; Balance</i>	土 Earth <i>Temperance Stasis; Balance</i>
Planet	Jupiter	Mercury; Moon	Saturn	Saturn
Archetype	SHAMAN Developer	HEALER Hedge Dweller	ALCHEMIST Solitaire	ENCHANTER The Channel
Qi Quality	Gentle Influence Cultivation Flexibility Permeate Fertility Persuasion Arts & Culture	Lunar Force The Abyss Arcane, Depths Shifting; Margin Catharsis Reflection Healing; Risk	Stillness Peak Knowledge Wisdom Quietude Stability Longevity Self-Control	Receptivity Health Enrichment Nourishment To Reap Netherworld Underworld
Traits	Graceful Refined Elegant Fastidious	Pensive Melancholic Adaptable Cautious	Calm Introverted Stubborn Resourceful	Devotional Prudent Discerning Resilient
Anatomy	Lower Limbs	Ears	Hands	Torso
Direction	Southeast	North	Northeast	Southwest
Moon Phase	Waning Gibbous	Third Quarter	Waning Crescent	New Moon
Natural Cycle	Start of Summer	Winter Solstice	Start of Spring	Start of Autumn
Mystery Cycle	Start of Spring	Summer Solstice	Start of Summer	Start of Winter
Immortal	He Xian Gu, patron of witches and priestesses; shamaness	Li Tie Guai, patron of healers, physicians, herbalists	Zhang Guo Lao, patron of occultists and necromancers	Lan Cai He, patron of artists and dreamers; glamor; beauty
Ritual Tool	Lotus	Gourd	Fish Drum	Plantae; Fungi
Patron God of the Wu Shaman	Crone Goddess of the Winds	Moon Goddess River Goddess	Tutelary Mountain God	Houtu, Mother Earth Goddess
Bodhisattva	Sarvani-varana-vishkambhin, clarity; focus	Avalokiteshvara Kuan Yin: mercy, compassion	Samantabhadra, spiritual cultivation	Kshitigarbha, salvation from oppression
Oracle Bone Script				
Four Images	Younger Yin	Younger Yin	Elder Yin	Elder Yin
Primordial	Yang	Yin	Yang	Yin

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Zodiac Animals	Dragon Snake	Rat	Ox Tiger	Sheep Monkey
Totemic Animal	Swan	Boar Tortoise	Wolf Dog	Bull
Forms	Tools of the Architect and Carpenter White Wind Instruments Birdsong	Medicine Dark Mirror The Coast Bodies of Water (That which is hidden and concealed)	Gateways Vines Tall Trees Large Rock Mass Steep Rocky Terrain; Forest Hills & Caves	Clay, Soil Silk Grains Textiles Cauldron Wagon The Population
Personage	Teachers, Finance Journalists; Law Media & Comms.	Age 20 – 30; Healthcare; Diplomacy	Peak of Life; Builders, White Collar Profession	Queenship; Retail Fashion, Markets Production; Farm
Life Aspect (per Feng Shui)	resources, assets, finances, wealth prosperity	career, goals life purpose inner motivation	education, knowledge; humanities	relationships, romance, domestic affairs
Tarot Major Arcana *	Key 10: Fortuna Key 13: Death	Key 2: Priestess Key 12: Hanged	Key 5: Hieroph. Key 9: Hermit	Key 15: Devil Key 21: World
Tarot Courts	Queen of Cups Page of Cups	King of Cups Knight of Cups	Queen of Coins Page of Coins	King of Coins Knight of Coins
Tarot Minor Arcana Pips	Two of Cups Four of Cups Six of Cups Eight of Cups Ten of Cups	Ace of Cups Three of Cups Five of Cups Seven of Cups Nine of Cups	Two of Coins Four of Coins Six of Coins Eight of Coins Ten of Coins	Ace of Coins Three of Coins Five of Coins Seven of Coins Ten of Coins