



## Introduction

If you knew which of your actions would bring you good fortune and which misfortune, which actions would lead to your success and which to failure, would that knowledge not be better than gold and diamonds? Would it not allow you to achieve any goal? Have anything you desired? If you could transcend the barriers of time to look into the future, into the past, if you could see the road that led to happiness, the road to despair, would you not consider yourself fortunate indeed?

When you become adept in the use of the I Ching, you will be able to do all those things and more. Open your mind to the words on the following pages; allow yourself the freedom, the luxury, to believe that all of the above is possible.

We are part of the Universe—each one of us—as much a part as are the galaxies that whirl through space and, here on our little planet, as much a part as are the trees, the mountains, and the sky. We are no less a part of the Universe than anything else is or was or ever can be. We are an integral part, made of the same stuff as the rest of the Universe: Universal energy. All *is* one.

The Universe is alive, conscious, and aware—acutely aware of each of us. And how could it be otherwise since we are it? The Universe experiences itself through us . . . and through the breeze blowing through the trees, the snail crawling on the ground, the lightning that strikes the mountain top, and the galaxies that whirl through space.

The Universe wants to continue. How do we know? Because it does . . . that means that all the laws of the Universe are in favor of continuation. If there was even one law that favored discontinuation, surely destruction would have come to pass during the billions of years since it all began. But, it has not come to pass. That also means that everything that happens is perfect—must be perfect—that the Universe will not tolerate anything less. If it could, it would be in danger of its own destruction because one imperfect event could lead to two, to three, to four, and so on, leading to destruction. It never allows even the first imperfect event to occur. That means that since we are the Universe, a part of it, everything that happens benefits us. It may hurt us or take something away from us, but it always benefits us. If we act on the basis of that, Universal law will bring peace to our souls and joy to our hearts.

Everything that happens, happens within time. We like to think that time stretches illimitably forward into the future and illimitably back into the past while we exist on a hairline of time that separates the future from the past, the