I Ching Oracle Disc and Interpretation Mandala

The Oracle Disc is a simple wheel upon a wheel device, the larger wheel being fixed and imprinted with the pa kua in the “Primal” arrangement credited to Fu-hsi, the smaller wheel having the pa kua in the “Sequential” or “Later Heaven” arrangement, plus small windows that spiral in toward the center of the wheel. When two kua are lined up so as to structure an image, the appropriate number identifying the combination can be read through the small window directly in line with the kua so aligned. On either side of the disc is printed the number of the kua, with its name, for easy reference.

The reverse side of the Oracle Disc is imprinted with the “I Ching Interpretation Mandala.” This contains all of the information in the regular “I Ching Meditation Mandala” plus correspondences between the astrological signs, the Buddhist “Eight-fold Path” and the proper kua. This latter is truly an exciting and stimulating aid to anyone who must interpret an oracle for someone, or even for oneself.

I Ching-Dex

“I Ching-Dex” is a mechanical aid for use in conjunction with all occasions when an individual consults the wisdom of the I. The apparatus was invented at a time when I Ching was still comparatively unfamiliar to most Westerners. Errors in ritual and construction of the kua were quite commonly being made. “I Ching-Dex” was invented to furnish a mechanical means of preventing errors of execution by persons consulting I Ching.

It is basically a method and apparatus for determining and studying philosophical and oracle responses while simultaneously encompassing the commonly called element of chance, and bears a relationship to the phenomenon of tachyon energy impulses, as are found to be operative in a causational or acausalistic environment or both.

This apparatus is constructed so that when the instructions are followed it will visually indicate in order, individually, each of the six symbols that constitute a kua. This initial linear
An Interpretation Mandala showing the tie-in with the

Buddhist Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path.
structure, known as the "synchronic" kua, appears through six windows to the right of center on the face of the device. To the left of center of the device are six additional windows which, automatically, as the linear symbols appear in the right window, cause other symbols to appear in the left window. These left window symbols reproduce what is known as the two "nuclear" kua, which are extracted from the "synchronic" kua. On the back of the apparatus is another set of six windows. Through these, simultaneously, while the "synchronic" and "nuclear" kua are being structured, so also is the so-called "transformed", or "changed lines" kua.

Thus the three most important physical operations are safely executed by this mechanical process. There can be no marking the wrong line, no setting them down in a wrong order and no mistake in noting the changing lines.

When one has the "synchronic" kua, it is dialed on the "Oracle Disc" device that is centered on the face of the apparatus. By turning the inner disc with the pa kua symbols so that a particular symbol lines up with another on the larger outer disc, thus duplicating the symbol showing through the right of center window, one will find through a small window (of which there are eight) in the inner disc the appropriate number identifying the kua. One now can use either the I Ching cards which come with the apparatus, or turn to a favorite text of one's choosing. On the back of the cards are the line readings for each kua. An advantage of the cards is that one is able to spread out before them all of the wisdom pertaining to their situation, so that it can comfortably be cross-studied. This, of course, is not possible when using a book, as it requires flipping pages back and forth to complete any cross-reference one may be intent upon.

In addition, this apparatus has a chart of the calendar assignments of the kua for the year. On the under side of the apparatus is a number and name index to the kua, and a mandala containing information about seven selected attributes indicating meaningful dimensions and aspects to a consultation. As a bonus offering there is secreted in the device a panel which holds a set of three finest quality reproductions of ancient
Chinese coins. At present there are only a few “I Ching-Dex” in existence. Each was made manually to order, and was very expensive. It is possible that arrangements may soon be completed to have them manufactured in quantities sufficient to supply a mass market. This should greatly reduce the cost of “I Ching-Dex.”