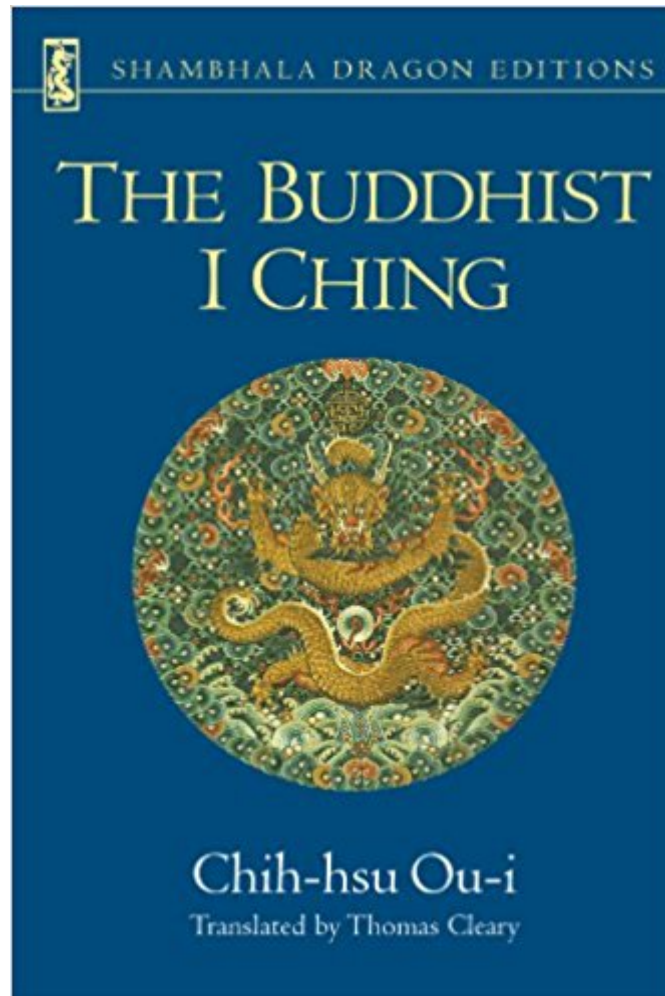




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Customer Reviews

The *I Ching* is the world's oldest divination text. Based on the ancient Chinese philosophy of Yin and Yang, it provides timeless wisdom about how to negotiate the changing nature of events. In seventeenth century China, the Buddhist commentator Chih-hsu Ou-i (1599-1655) wrote a Buddhist version of the *I Ching*; this book is a translation of Chih-hsu's version of the *I Ching*. This version resonates with several streams of thought in China: on the whole, it is deeply ethical in its outlook; at times, it sounds a bit Taoist, and in other places, there are echoes of Zen. Overall, there is a tremendous amount of wisdom in this book, for Chih-shu was well-versed in the esoteric traditions of China. The entire text is a compassionate attempt to guide souls, through the ups and downs of a changing world, to the ultimate goal of enlightenment. The book may be consulted for divination as an ordinary translation of the *I Ching* would be, or it can be read from cover to cover.

I originally purchased this translation to see what a Buddhist treatment of the I Ching would look like. I already had a number of other translations, including some of the "standards" or "classics." This has since become one of my most-used I Ching editions. I use it to understand the basic text of each hexagram (Judgement, Image, Lines, etc.) before I read other commentaries. This edition is useful even for readers who are not particularly interested in the Buddhist commentary.

Cleary, as ever, does a marvelous job of translating with clarity without imposing an agenda. Chih-hsu Ou-i set himself the task of interpreting the I Ching in terms of a political manual, a Taoist/Confucianist text, and a Buddhist primer. His interpretations are by turns insightful, obtuse, poetic, tendentious, and mind-bending. When he succeeds, he does so quite gloriously. When he fails... oh, dear... Nevertheless, for experienced students of the I Ching and Chinese developments in Buddhism, this is a text worth owning.

The I Ching has been a constant inspiration to me for years. This rendition combines Buddhism and Taoism for a deeper expression of the ancient text. If you have an interest in Buddhist teaching and practice I believe this book will enrich your contemplative work and enhance your understanding of this classic work in a most useful way.

I consult it often. Eloquently written, the rendition offered here accentuates spirituality of the East.

good condition. excellent material. it is fun book to use and is helpful for one studying Buddhism. I highly recommend it.

A fantastic companion to the Taoist I Ching, also translated by Thomas Cleary. Great stuff!

this was to replace my old dog eared copy, have loved this book for years!

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