# Unveiling the Occult Secrets: 'Ching and Its Correspondences in Western Occultism'



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#### **Exploring the Mystical Connections**

In the realm of esotericism, few texts hold as much fascination and mystery as the ancient Chinese classic, the Ching, also known as the I Ching or Book of Changes. For centuries, this enigmatic oracle has captivated seekers of knowledge and wisdom worldwide, offering profound insights into the nature of reality and human existence.

However, what many may not realize is the deep and intriguing connections that exist between the Ching and the diverse traditions of Western occultism. In his seminal work, 'Ching and Its Correspondences in Western Occultism,' renowned author and scholar John M. Greer unveils these hidden correlations, revealing a tapestry of esoteric knowledge that will astound and inspire.

#### **Divination and Symbolism**

At its core, the Ching is a divinatory system, offering guidance and insights through the interpretation of its 64 hexagrams. These hexagrams, composed of six lines that can be either broken or unbroken, represent the interplay of opposing forces within the universe and within ourselves.

Greer meticulously demonstrates how these hexagrams resonate with the symbols and divinatory techniques of Western traditions such as astrology, alchemy, and the Tarot. By exploring the correspondences between the Ching and these systems, he provides a deeper understanding of the universal principles and archetypes that govern both the macrocosm and the microcosm.

#### **Esoteric Correspondences**

Beyond divination, Greer delves into the broader esoteric correspondences between the Ching and Western occultism. He illuminates the parallels between the eight trigrams of the Ching and the eight rays of Hermeticism, the planetary associations of the hexagrams, and the Kabbalistic Tree of Life.

These correspondences reveal a profound unity underlying seemingly disparate systems of esoteric knowledge. They suggest that the Ching may be a key to unlocking the secrets of Western occultism and that the wisdom of ancient China and the West are intimately intertwined.

#### **Historical Influences**

Greer's analysis extends to the historical influences that have shaped the development of Western occultism. He examines the role of Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, and Thelema in disseminating ideas and practices from the East, including the Ching.

By tracing these historical connections, Greer provides a context for understanding the profound impact that the Ching has had on the evolution of Western esoteric thought and practice.

#### A Transformative Guide

'Ching and Its Correspondences in Western Occultism' is more than just a book; it is a transformative guide that offers readers the opportunity to deepen their understanding of both the Ching and Western occultism.

Through Greer's expert scholarship and clear writing, readers will gain a fresh perspective on the ancient Chinese oracle and its profound relevance to their own spiritual and esoteric explorations. Whether you are a seasoned occultist or a curious seeker, this book is an invaluable resource

that will expand your horizons and enrich your understanding of the hidden connections that shape our world.



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