IChing & Geography

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What is IChing?

- "The book of change"
- Late 9th century BC
- Originally a divination manual: was the subject of scholarly commentary and the basis for divination practice

Shang Dynasty (1200 BC)

Song Dynasty (960-1279)
What is IChing?

- The root of Chinese culture and philosophy: Taoism, Confucius, Fengshui, Astrology...
- Non-polarity → bipolar (Yin and Yang) → 4 shapes → 8 patterns → 64 diagrams
Why IChing?

Core philosophy:
• Everything is changing
• But there are rules/patterns behind these changes
• IChing summarizes and simplifies these rules/patterns

Superstitions or Sciences?

Chinese medicine, Architecture, Management, Philosophy

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ICHING and Geography?

- Was it going to rain? And if so, would the crops be affected?
- Is it a good time to go hunting?
- Where should I build a house?
- When is the good time to get married?
- ......
IChing and Geography?

- Could we use the finer-scaled compass for doing science?
- Could we regard IChing as a statistical model based on big spatiotemporal data?
- What is the relation between Fengshui and Urban Planning?
- Spatial simulation and Divination?
- Could we regard the 64 diagrams as an ontology?
- But what are the semantics of these patterns/diagrams?
- Could we use a bottom-up approach to interpret IChing?
Conclusion

TRUTH!!!

Meet up point !?

Trail of IChing    Trail of Science