

## **A Parapsychological Investigation of the *I Ching*: The Relationship Between Psi, Intuition, and Time Perception**

### **Results:**

An anomalous effect may be involved in the Chinese system of divination, the *I Ching*. The *I Ching* user throws 3 coins, 6 times, to generate 1 of 64 possible 6-line symbols (hexagrams) and an associated reading. There is some indication that 1<sup>st</sup>-hexagram outcomes can be determined in advance of generating the hexagram (Thalbourne & Storm, in press). However, participants might not only target 1<sup>st</sup>-hexagrams (for a present-focused reading), but they may also target 2<sup>nd</sup>-hexagrams (for a future-focused reading—2<sup>nd</sup>-hexagrams are generated from the 1<sup>st</sup>-hexagram). It is theorised that hexagram targeting may accord with the participant's time perspective. A present time perspective (PTP) refers to immediate events; future time perspective (FTP) refers to what fate has in store. Since intuitive types are said to be future-oriented (i.e., typically looking for the possibilities or future state of things), it is hypothesized that (i) FTP-types are more intuitive than PTP-types. It is also hypothesised that (ii) hexagram hit-rates are above MCE, (iii) time perspective determines a participant's influence on hexagram outcomes (i.e., PTP types hit more often on 1<sup>st</sup>-hexagrams than FTP types who hit more often on 2<sup>nd</sup>-hexagrams), and (iv) intuition predicts hexagram outcomes. It was found that (i) FTP-types were not more intuitive than PTP-types; (ii) hit-rates were above chance on 2<sup>nd</sup>-hexagram hitting only, but not significantly; (iii) PTP-types did hit more often on 1<sup>st</sup>-hexagrams (25%) compared to FTP-types (22%), whereas FTP-types did hit more often on 2<sup>nd</sup>-hexagrams (36%) compared to PTP-types (31%)—but the differences were not significant; and (iv) there were no significant relationships between intuition and hexagram outcomes.

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