

# Should I use English, Filipino, Pangasinan, or all?

*Your reading resulted in the following hexagrams:*

**Hexagram 3.1 to 8**

## Hexagram 3, Sprouting



### Key Questions

What is beginning?

Where is the growing centre, and where can you find help for it?

### Oracle

*'Sprouting.*

*From the source, creating success, constancy bears fruit.*

*Don't use this to have a direction to go,*

*Fruitful to establish feudal lords.'*

Sprouting is the very beginning: a growing centre, putting out roots into the unknown and breaking through the hard soil. Inner life reaches out into the world, experiencing resistance for the first time. The creative drive of heaven and earth joins together and grows. It's tiny, scarcely born, but burgeoning with life and a great desire to attain full growth.

It's far too early yet to narrow all the possibilities down to a single destination. Just as a plant sends out roots in all directions, a new ruler needs to set up a network of feudal lords. These are an image for helpers, human or otherwise: everything that brings you support and expands your sphere of awareness and influence. In exploring all possibilities, you enrich and strengthen the centre as growth begins.

### Image

*'Clouds, thunder: Sprouting.*

*A noble one weaves warp and weft.'*

### Sequence

*'There is heaven and earth, and so the ten thousand things are born.*

*Overflowing the space between heaven and earth, the ten thousand things.*

*And so Sprouting follows: Sprouting means filling to overflowing;*

*Sprouting means the beginning of things' birth.'*

### Pair

Sprouting forms a pair with Hexagram 4, Not Knowing:

*'Sprouting: seeing, and not letting go your dwelling place.*

*Not knowing: disordered and also clear.'*

### Changing Lines

## Line 1

*'Encircled by stones.  
Fruitful to settle with constancy,  
Fruitful to establish feudal lords.'*

## Hexagram 8, Seeking Union



### Key Questions

Where do you belong?  
Is this a good fit?  
Do you choose to join?

### Oracle

*'Seeking union, good fortune.  
At the origin of oracle consultation,  
From the source, ever-flowing constancy.  
No mistake.  
Not at rest, coming on all sides.  
For the latecomer, pitfall.'*

To seek union is to search for connection and belonging, discovering how it all fits together and creating a new world out of relationships.

It begins where divination begins: at your very source. Ask yourself why it was important to ask this question; get to know where you're coming from. When you find the source, you can flow perpetually out from there towards the right choices and connections. Such self-examination is not a mistake; it's the best way to avoid mistakes. It gives you and your relationships the authenticity of water, which flows together on the earth without changing its nature.

Seeking Union is natural, but not without stress. Singleness of purpose attracts restlessness (from within and without); demands are made on you from all directions at once. Not all the people or all the feelings that appear will be helpful. Yu the Great conquered the Chinese floods through a lifetime of hard toil. When his work was complete and the land was safe, he summoned the lords and spirits to a meeting to found the new world. One of them, Fang Feng, came late; Yu had him executed. To re-create a world of relationships, like Yu, is good fortune. To hesitate and come late, like Fang, is not. The decisive leader has to eliminate the non-committal spirit, the one who procrastinates and isn't quite sure whether to believe in this new union.

### Image

*'Above earth is the stream: Seeking Union.  
The ancient kings founded countless cities for relationship with all the feudal lords.'*

### Sequence

Seeking Union follows from Hexagram 7, the Army:  
*'Crowds naturally have occasion to Seek Union.'*

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