

## Chapter Two: The Energies And Environments

The Energies and Environments are a new system which defines 12 abstract powers (the Energies) and 12 environmental powers (the Environments). This system is similar to, but not identical with, the zodiac and planets. However, they have no relationship to the calendar and are not used for fortune telling.



### The Energies

The Energies are a system of 12 elements. These symbols represent the six elemental powers: Void (a new element introduced with this system), Animus, Action, Emotion, Thought, and World supplemented with the concepts of past and future.

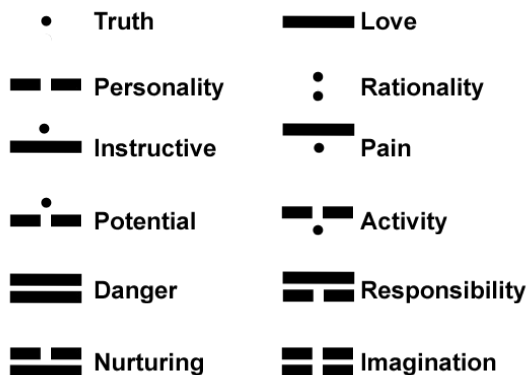
Animus, Action, Emotion, Thought, and World are similar to Spirit, Fire, Water, Air, and Earth of the old elemental system. When combined with the concepts of past and future, Action, Emotion, Thought, and World correspond

exactly to the I Ching symbols as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Energy	I Ching	Energy	I Ching
Past Action	䷲ Thunder (Chên)	Future Action	䷁ Heaven (Ch'ien)
Past Emotion	䷴ Joy (Tui)	Future Emotion	䷝ Fire (Li)
Past Thought	䷶ Water (K'an)	Future Thought	䷳ Mountain (Kên)
Past World	䷁ Earth (K'un)	Future World	䷺ Wind (Sun)

### Void

Void is a new element. It is the counterpart to Spirit, just as Water and Fire are counterparts, and Air and Earth are counterparts. Void represents nothing, in the sense of  $0 = 1 + -1$ . Its interesting properties are 1) it can be added to anything at all without changing the receiver, and 2) pairs of opposites (1/-1, 2/-2, etc.) can be extracted from it indefinitely.



### The Environments

The Environments are a system of 12 influencing powers. They are somewhat similar in purpose to the planets in astrology. The two basic environments are Truth and Love. These interact to create Personality. Truth, Love, and Personality combine in pairs to create the remaining 9 Environments, for a total of 12. Their meanings are exactly what their names indicate.

Just as the planets have a relationship with the zodiac

<sup>1</sup>Aleister Crowley provided similar correspondences to the symbols of the I Ching in his book "777". Do not mistake the Energies as being nothing more than new symbols for these correspondences. That is not the case. I believe that Crowley's correspondences were flawed. This will be discussed in more detail in a future chapter.

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