

# INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Begin reading at the bottom line of the diagram at right and continue reading to the top
2. Not the other way around

## CAUTION:

### READING BACKWARDS CAN CAUSE EYESTRAIN

I have a kind of perceptual double-jointedness that allows me to do this. If you find it too difficult, you can begin at the top and read normally, rearranging it in your head as you go, no?

## WHAT THE HECK YOU ARE LOOKING AT:

At right is a diagram of the near future, suitable for hanging with refrigerator magnets. A map of the 113 days between midnight of 9/9/99 (surely some kind of deadline) and midnight of 12/31/99 (the beginning of the end of the 20th century.) As a Chinese ideogram it's read from bottom to top, so start at the bottom and read to the top. Each line of the major hexagram contains its own, smaller, self-interpreting hexagram of text (read bottom to top.) An interpretation of the large hexagram is available, at the bottom of the page. All the hexagrams are numbered from the King Wen Sequence and can be looked up in almost any copy of the I Ching by the same number.

*"Everyone's entitled to an opinion. Here's how I get mine."*

*— Mark Baldridge*

or ? not  
 Will we have a good millennium  
 What is it we see at the bottom  
 the century's bright edge  
 dropping our crumbs over  
 What is the nature of our feasting  
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Is something dying or is something being born  
 Is it what ✓ we dreamed  
 or are we more beautiful  
 the century's faded footnote  
 wondering about ✓ our place  
 Looking for illumination  
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by + God  
 with laws set down  
 a course in accordance  
 hoping to + follow  
 Tuesday + night  
 I consulted the oracle  
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which the universe grinds  
 difficult \* teeth  
 sometimes called "hexagrams"  
 broken \* or whole  
 six lines \* each  
 Entirely composed of symbols  
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Sometimes saying ● "Do nothing at all"  
 it speaks with unconscious force  
 (Karl Jung ● I Ching)  
 as a reflection of one's own mind  
 It can be used as a mirror on the present  
 It has been used to predict the future  
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Their own opposites  
 Constantly ▲ becoming  
 the basic building blocks  
 dividing experience ▲ into 64 kinds  
 the I Ching is a Chinese book of Wisdom  
 Older than the Hebrew Proverbs  
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## Interpretation:

54 Kuei Mei A Young Bride

A young woman moves to a new place, takes up new duties.

House cleaning! Confucius say: "Symbol of Man's end and Man's Beginning."

To achieve an enduring end, the Superior Person must recognize mistakes made at the beginning.

The marriage reference looks promising, but what's all this about mistakes made and "man's end?"

Certainly, the time has come to leave Mom and Dad behind and move our furniture into the future, to "marry" the next century and not try to cling to the past. That this involves certain losses, endings and dangers, we already knew ...

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For the most intuitive I Ching resource on the Web:  
<http://users.lanminds.com/~tlc/iching/>

