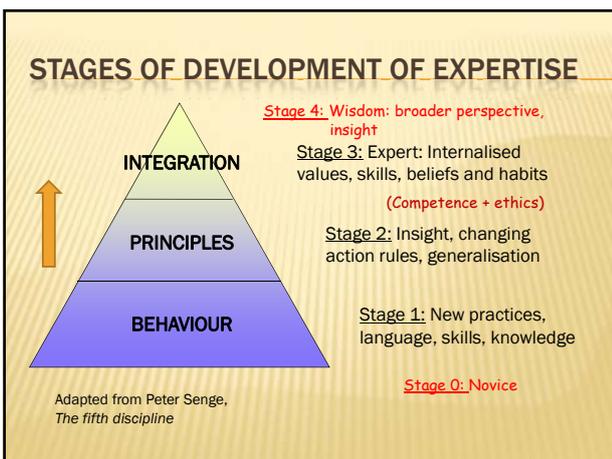




WHAT IS WISDOM?

Only a fool would proclaim him/herself wise.

(The Lucifer dilemma)



IS THERE A PLACE FOR "WISDOM" IN MANAGEMENT?

"Business is business!"

"The purpose of business is to maximise profits!"

“BUSINESS IS BUSINESS”.....

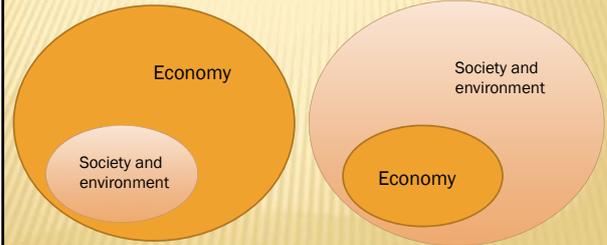
- ✘ Is an **ambit claim!**
- ✘ It is not a philosophy that can be justified!



THE COSMOLOGY OF BUSINESS

Delusional (but dominant)

Reflective of the cosmos
(slowly being realised)



WISDOM: A USEFUL APPROACH

- ✘ Wisdom = worldly competence that honours human values and the cosmos
- ✘ How does one pursue wisdom?
- ✘ Answer:
- ✘ **Wisdom = experience + mental framework + reflection**
- ✘ Mental framework = understanding of the nature of the cosmos

Wisdom = Awareness + Contentment



AIM OF SESSION

- ✦ The session aims to provide an introduction to the Chinese book of changes (the I Ching) as a source of wisdom for self-development as a leader.



QUESTIONS

- ✦ What is the I Ching?
- ✦ How do you use it?
- ✦ What was my experience? How did the I Ching help me as a leader?
- ✦ Is this “Chinese philosophy” in action?
- ✦ Can my experience be helpful to others?

APPROACHING THE I CHING

Yin and Yang



- Yang / Yin
- Masculine / Feminine
- Strong / Flexible
- Correctness / Joy
- Ethics / Creativity
- Sun / Moon
- Cognition / Emotion
- Action / Reflection
- Light / Dark

1st concept

The Yellow Emperor said “The principle of Yin and Yang is the foundation of the entire universe. It underlies everything in creation.”

INNER AND OUTER

2nd concept



CONTENDING WITH THE EGO

3rd concept

- ✦ In life and leadership, personal growth requires us to contend with the ego. The sage avoids both helplessness and domination of others.

Victim, helplessness

Life goal: Survival

Violence; annihilation of perceived threats



RESPECT FOR THE I CHING

Carl Jung: "The method of the I Ching does indeed take into account the hidden individual quality in things and men, and in one's own unconscious self as well."

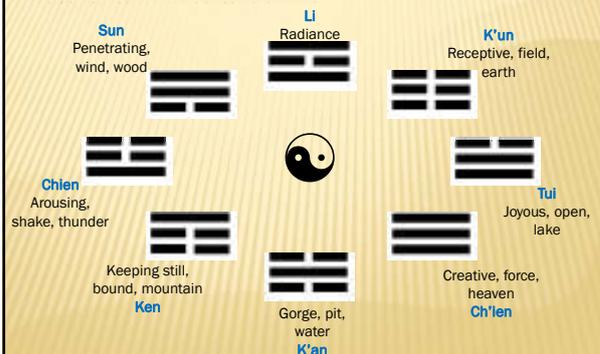
Hermann Hesse: "I have been inspired by the wisdom of China. The I Ching can transform life."

Carol Anthony: "The Sage, or the Cosmic Teacher, speaks to us through the I Ching." It has the "ability to reflect the unconscious". "It speaks to something in me that is beyond words or reason, giving me a restorative type of nourishment".

WHAT IS THE I CHING?

- ✦ The 64 hexagrams of the I Ching were considered by their ancient authors to be a fully adequate interpretation of every human situation at any given moment during an individual's life.
- ✦ Originally a handbook for divination, it is better understood as a source of wisdom and guidance.
- ✦ By seeking to discern the inner truth of ourselves and our situation, we trigger a flow of transformative energy.
- ✦ Consulting the I Ching enables us to work with the creative spirits or the cosmic helpers.

THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS



A READING (WITH 2 HEXAGRAMS)



45 Ts'ui
Gathering
together

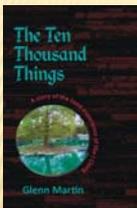


8 Pi
Joining,
supporting, uniting

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FURTHER....



The Ten Thousand Things:
A story of the lived experience of the I Ching

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