

The 8 Chinese Trigrams

	Trigram Figure	Name	Translation (Wilhelm) [1]	Image in Nature	Direction	Attribute	Stage/ State	Animal
1	☰	乾 qián	the Creative, Force	heaven, sky 天	northwest	strong	creative	馬 horse
2	☱	兌 duì	the Joyous, Open	swamp, marsh 澤	west	pleasure	tranquil (complete devotion)	羊 sheep, goat
3	☲	離 lí	the Clinging, Radiance	fire 火	south	light-giving, dependence	clinging, clarity, adaptable	雉 pheasant
4	☳	震 zhèn	the Arousing, Shake	thunder 雷	east	inciting movement	initiative	龍 dragon
5	☴	巽 xùn	the Gentle, Ground	wind 風	southeast	penetrating	gentle entrance	雞 fowl
6	☵	坎 kǎn	the Abysmal	water 水	north	dangerous	in-motion	豕 pig
7	☶	艮 gèn	Keeping Still, Bound	mountain 山	northeast	resting, stand-still	completion	狗 wolf, dog
8	☷	坤 kūn	the Receptive, Field	earth 地	southwest	devoted, yielding	receptive	牛 cow

[1] Wilhelm, R. & Baynes, C. (1967). *The I Ching or Book of Changes*

The open line represents yin, the receptive/female principle.

The solid line represents yang, the creative/male principle.