

New Age I Ching Oracle
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QUICK USER INFORMATION

NOTE: Extensive documentation is available inside the program. This is provided as the easiest and quickest introduction to using the application.

USING THE APPLICATION / THE FREE TRIAL

To start the program: click on the file **NAIC Oracle 2.1.cle** and immediately afterwards the screen will black out and the application will open on the Introduction screen. To try out a query, click on the New Query / Free Trial button. (See below for how to consult the oracle).

To quit the program: click the grey “EXIT / QUIT” button which is located on all the major screens in the application.

To switch to another application which is already open in your computer:

on Windows machines, press Alt+Tab

on Macintosh machines, press Command+Tab

Keep pressing to cycle through all your open applications.

First time startup: The application opens the first time in Introductory mode. In this mode you have 31 free trials. Each time you enter a query it tells you how many of your free trials you’ve used. When you’ve used them all, you will be unable to enter more unless you register the program. You go to the *New Query* screen to start a query.

In trial mode you can save queries, move them, and delete them. You have full access to all system features, except for exporting/importing saved queries and facilities reserved to the Master User (which requires registering the program). These features include setting up a master password, access to all passwords of users in the application, and exporting all saved queries to a file.

HOW TO CONSULT THE ORACLE

You do not have to login to consult the oracle -- but you cannot save queries if you don’t. Logging in and selecting a folder are quick and easy to do; refer to the section below for more info.

There are several Oracles in the program, some quite complex. However, excellent results can be obtained by using the question-based Plum Blossom Oracle plus the Random Chance Oracle. This is how:

Plum Blossom Oracle

- in the Subject field, type an identifying word or phrase to define your subject
- in the Question field, type a specific question about that subject
- you must also check the *time and date* shown next to the little button with a dot (clicking the dot refreshes the date and time shown); if incorrect, you must set the correct time and date in your computer (*this is very important!*)
- you must also check the status of the Daylight Time / Standard Time button (*also very important!*)
- make sure you've got Plum Blossom Oracle selected, then press Consult Oracle

Random Chance Oracle

- this was designed to be compatible with the Plum Blossom Oracle, so here again you need to key in a separate Subject and Question to get it to work
- make sure you've got Random Chance Oracle selected, then press Consult Oracle

Combined Plum Blossom and Random Chance Consultations

To get the most out of the I Ching Oracle, for ONE question:

- it is recommended that you do ONE Plum Blossom consultation, then
- do THREE Random Chance consultations (without changing anything)
- you will likely want to save each answer before you return to the New Query screen

Today's Oracle

- no question or text is used in this process at all
- this Oracle only uses date and time, so make sure they are accurate
- time is reckoned only by two-hour blocks
- try not to plan or second-guess the calculation process; you will distort the results

External Oracle

- use this to document a query/answer using an external I Ching oracle
- this gives you the *I Ching for a New Age* text
- refer to the detailed instructions in the program for this

HOW TO SAVE QUERIES AND USE FOLDERS

Step 1. On the New Query screen press the **long red button** to begin a login (it will ask you to enter a User Name). Then, if you already have saved folders, a list of them will be displayed on the screen. If not, you will be immediately prompted to enter a Folder Name and Password. Note that passwords exist at the folder level, so you can choose to use the same or different passwords for your folders.

Step 2. Press the **long red button** again to select a Folder Name. *Note this name can be for a new folder (so it doesn't yet exist)! The Folder Name is only stored in the system when you save a query using it.* Once you've entered a folder name, it will be displayed on the **long red button**. You can change this name anytime you want by clicking the Select a Folder button above the long red button.

Step 3. Consult the Oracle (see above). You will be taken from the New Query screen to an Answer Screen. Here you can comment on the answer and save the query. However, you cannot save it unless you login and specify the Folder Name. After you save it, the display

switches to a Saved Query screen, which also allows you access to the folder (as well as browsing through it by arrow keys).

Your Options. Note that there are many options available in using the system.

- advanced search options (accessible from any New Query panel).
- the meditation screen (a more soothing New Query panel)
- finding queries by searches in a folder
- sorting the list inside a folder
- printing any individual query
- printing a list of queries

HOW TO REGISTER THE PROGRAM

Step 1. On the Introduction screen (under the Registration heading near the bottom of the page) is a button to take you to Kagi (the payment processor). Click this button when you are connected to the internet. Make the payment, and a Registration Key will be emailed to you in a day or two.

Step 2. On the Introduction screen, under the Registration heading is a small box to enter your Registration Key. Below it is a button labelled Process Registration Key. This starts a check of the key's validity; you do NOT have to be connected to the internet.

Step 3. You must agree to the Legal Disclaimer. If not, your money will be refunded.

Step 4. You will be prompted to enter a Master User Password (and Hint). This user can find lost passwords and export/import all the queries stored in the database.

After registration is completed, you will be taken to the New Query screen.

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