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There are two kinds of oracles (預言). The first kind is spontaneous. Oracles of the 1st kind happen naturally; they are given to you. I have received my fair share of spontaneous oracles – XX4488, 2424, Lambda Drive, 4M-444 – just to name a few. The second kind is by request. You ask an oracle (神諭). The advice itself is also called an oracle, an oracle of the 2nd kind.

XX4488 is my collection of oracles of the 1st kind.¹

The following photograph was taken around 1958. XX4488 was the license plate of our family car. The license plate is my destiny plate. It contains a ton of information about my career and my retirement. The story is still unfolding.



Error! Reference source not found. covers roughly my first two decades. The street address was my home address in Hong Kong. I left Hong Kong in 1976 for Arizona. Shortly after, my family moved to California. My parents bought a house on Lambda Drive, San Diego. PART II: Lambda Drive covers roughly my first forty years in the United States, grad school till retirement. **Error! Reference source not found.** covers my retirement.

All three addresses are oracles of the 1st kind.

¹ Using the first chapter to name a book is common in classical Chinese literature.

