

BOOK I HEXAGRAMS 01-30 上經 THƯỢNG KINH



1 CH'IEN THE CREATIVE 乾 CÀN (KIÈN)

It stands for heaven, the king, the leader, the father. The upper and lower primary trigrams and the 2 nuclear trigrams are all Ch'ien, indicating heaven, movement, and strength. This structure imparts to the hexagram great energy, resulting in movement, the unceasing movements of the heavens, both day and night. Through its energy heaven creates all beings, which live and die, blossom and decay. Thus this universe continues perpetually. The superior man contemplates this idea of heaven, the creative, imitates it, and constantly tries to perfect his mental and physical powers. In so doing he contributes to society.

The creative is the root of all the other hexagrams, because it is composed of six unbroken lines. Ch'ien indicates a leader or a wise experienced man who has vitality, with which to create and construct. Applying too much strength however produces arrogance and failure. The creative is the strongest of all hexagrams and if it comes to those who seek direction, they should observe caution in using their strength. Keep in mind the principles of rest and yielding.

THE JUDGMENT: The creative brings great success, benefiting all through perseverance.

THE SYMBOL: Heaven moves powerfully, the superior man strengthens himself unceasingly.

THE LINES:

Nine at the bottom: The hibernating dragon does not act

It is a good time to be active and to commit oneself; it is; rather a time to rest and prepare.. A person can expect to retire or receive a minor position. For the businessman, activity will be slow. Only for priests, monks and women in this line favorable: for the former there will be peace of mind, while the latter will enjoy good family relations.

Nine at the 2nd place, The dragon is seen on the field. There is benefit to meeting a great man.

The second line denotes a time of development. People in general will be aided by those above them; those who are working will receive important jobs and get along well with intelligent superiors. During this time, students and scholars will pass their exams with high grades and gain recognition, farmers' lands and fortune will increase, merchants will prosper, and people working in religious organizations will gain high position. A woman can expect to marry a prosperous man or get rich independently.

Nine in the 3rd place: The superior man works creatively the whole day, and is cautious in the evening. Danger. No blame.

This is a period of disadvantage, a time of work and thinking . There is much movement without rest. One should try, however, to be cautious and not hurry. Working people can expect to be very busy with 2 jobs, but the unemployed will find it hard to get work. Women will experience difficulties in their relationships with men.

Nine in the 4th place: The dragon leaps from the abyss. No blame.

On the whole one can expect to encounter hard times. His doubts will cause hesitations. If a person loses his job he should wait for another; students and the unemployed should also wait for

an opportunity. Women and religious persons, however, can anticipate a calm and comfortable period, and may come into some money.

Nine in the 5th place: The dragon flies in the heavens. There is benefit in meeting a great man. One will be helped by an important or influential person to achieve his or her goal. For the unemployed this means both work and opportunity; those already employed will not be promoted, but their incomes will increase. A woman will gain the power and importance of a man in her work, but this will result in her being isolated. If misfortune should occur expect to go to court.

Nine at the top: The dragon is arrogant and will have cause to repent.

Arrogance leads to trouble and thus to repentance. This means that those in power are in danger of losing their friends and followers; and even with good recommendations, a person who has lost his job will have no success finding a new one. Misfortune for old men is indicated by this line. Women will either get married or have trouble with male relationships.



2 K'UN THE RECEPTIVE 坤 KHÔN.

K'un means earth, mother, things characterized by receptivity. The upper and lower primary and nuclear trigrams are all K'un; yielding the Yin principle. The hexagram does not, however, indicate weakness. Lao-Tze recognized in it the principle for his philosophy of life, that yielding can overcome strength. If you can learn to adjust to society, many people will help you.

Although K'un is opposite in structure to Ch'ien, the first hexagram, it is not opposed to it. K'un is Yin, Ch'ien is Yang, and they cannot be separated: they are indispensable to each other and symbolize one unit. Electric current will not flow if there are only positive or negative charges..

In ancient China, Ch'ien stood for the king and K'un for the queen. In the traditional Chinese family, K'un represented the ideal mother. She accepted all the responsibilities

Of the family, performing important jobs in the home, giving birth, and raising children. She would always dispense love and kindness, in spite of hard work and unpleasantness. She was like the earth, which grows everything and receives everything back, even that which we consider dirty and ugly. It supports the mountains and cradles the oceans and never feels that it can no longer endure; neither does it complain, nor display its glory.

THE JUDGMENT: The Receptive great success. Benefiting from the quality of a mare perseverance.

The superior man has an undertaking; In the beginning he will go astray, but later will receive guidance. He can find a friend in the Southwest, and lose friends in the Northeast. Peacefulness and continuance: good fortune.

THE SYMBOL: The earth's condition is that of the Receptive. The superior man has the greatness of character to bear with everything in the world.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom: When hoarfrost is underfoot, solid ice will soon come.

Misfortune can be expected if one does not change his demeanor. Be wary of a vindictive attack; people with jobs should guard against gossip and slander, and students should guard against jealousy. During this time, however, a woman will be able to make her family prosperous.

Six in the 2nd place: Straight, square, great, without study. Everything benefits.

This line indicates a time of benefit. Employed people will receive high promotions, the academic will gain recognition and become prosperous, wives will live harmoniously and their families will prosper. One may profitably acquire property.

Six in the 3rd place: Hide your ability and you can continue on your position> If in public office, do not show yourself but complete the work. A time of quiet achievement. Working people do a good job and become eligible for promotion, the scholar write well and soon achieve success, businessman plans wisely and their enterprises prosper. The character and ability of a woman will grow.

Six in the 4th place : The sack is tied up. No recognition. No blame.

Keep quiet and inactive and you will not get into trouble. If your plans are interrupted, you can avoid disaster by acting cautiously. People with job should be watchful, for promotions will be difficult to get, while the students will not easily find work. But women will do well in their careers and family life owing to their good character and abilities.

Six in the 5th place : A yellow lower garment means sublime good fortune.

Everything runs smoothly and without trouble. One will receive money or other benefits, perhaps a position at headquarters. For students and scholars, it is a time of great success. For women this is a time to develop good character and gain higher status: they will benefit their families and help their husband' careers.

Six at the top : Dragon fights in the wilderness. The blood is black and yellow.

Expect danger. A person may be demoted or even lose his job. Even if he passes his exam, the student will not win favor. During this time beware of quarrels and lawsuits.



3 CHUN DIFFICULTY IN THE BEGINNING 屯 TRUÂN

The third hexagram signifies difficulty or confusion in the beginning but the restoration of order later on. The upper primary trigram, K'an, means water, danger or difficulty, clouds and rains.

The lower primary trigram, Chen, means eldest son, thunder, movement. Together they present the image of clouds and thunder in the heavens: a condition of disorder. But after the rain stops, the clouds disperse, thunder ceases, and the sky becomes clear, and the day is fair.

With regard to the season, K'an means winter, Chen spring. K'an can also mean water, and of course ice and snow; Chen can mean wood or grass. Thus we have the image of sprouts coming up through the frozen ground, a very hard time: difficulty in the beginning. To those who seek guidance, this hexagram means that the present time is not favorable for action. They should be patient and await the right time. A good opportunity for undertaking will eventually present itself. Difficulty in the beginning indicates later improvement: if a southeast wind or sunshine comes, the time is favorable for new sprouts, but even if spring is harsh, the weather will eventually become warmer. You should not simply wait, however. You must also prepare.

THE JUDGMENT: Difficulty in the beginning : great success. It is of benefit to continue.

Without planning to go to some place. One should find helpers.

THE SYMBOL : Clouds and thunder symbolize difficulty in the beginning. The superior man makes order out of disorder.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom: Considering and considering. It is of benefit to continue in the right way. One should find helpers.

Act with caution, but remember that hesitation now can lead to trouble later; one can remain stable without haste or failure. Working people will do their job well and receive important positions. People in school will receive help from a superior and succeed. For women, good character, successful careers and families are indicated.

Six in the 2nd place : Many difficulties. He goes back and forth on horseback, but he is not a robber. He seeks marriage, but the girl does not want an engagement. After ten years she does. Now is a good time for people to change their careers to highly competitive ones, perhaps in the military, and thus become powerful. It is also the time for a person to get married or gain a friend. Students and scholars, however, will not easily find a job. If birth time and zodiac symbols are not favorable, one will meet obstacles perhaps a lawsuit, and it'll be hard to achieve one's goal.

Six in the 3rd place : He hunts deer with a forester. He gets lost in the forest. The superior man, knowing this, prefers to give up the hunt. To go on would bring regret.

To act now may lead to dishonor, dismissal or demotion; rather it is time to be quiet and refrain from action. One should also be wary of being detained by someone in trouble. A student may expect difficulty which will hinder his progress.

Six in the 4th place : He goes back and forth on horseback. If he seeks marriage, he will have good fortune. Everything benefits. This line indicates good fortune and advantage in every way: one will live harmoniously and achieve one's goal. Working people can expect high salary, recognition, and the chance for promotion, while the student will easily get a job to his liking. Women who want to marry will find good husbands and have fine children.

Nine in the 5th place : Difficulties in prosperity. Good fortune for small things. Misfortune for great things.

Now is the time to plan carefully. Misconduct lead to trouble, but caution can avoid it.

Six at the top : He goes back and forth on horseback. He sheds tears with blood.

Arrogance leads to misfortune, perhaps extreme misfortune. At work you should guard Against jealousy and slander, no matter how high your position of connections; at school you should be wary of receiving insult.

Keep a check on the health of your parents.



4 MENG YOUTH 蒙 MÔNG

Youthful folly, an immature condition, is signified by the fourth hexagram. Meng also refers to the education of the young. The upper trigram is Ken, the lower trigram K'an. Here K'an means water or danger; Ken means mountain or the youngest; the stream of water, K'an, is just coming out from the foot of the mountain, Ken. This image indicates a purity like the mind of children, which are blank. One can direct them to do both good and evil; thus the task of educating youth is a holy one. Accordingly, one should teach children to act in the correct way. The judgment says, The first time he asks I answer; but if he asks again and again....no answer./ To those who

seek direction, this hexagram indicates that they should be more thoughtful. If someone misunderstands you, you should explain clearly and patiently what you mean. Treat people generously, in this way you'll meet with great success.

THE JUDGMENT : It is not I who seeks him, the youth seeks me, The first time he asks, I answer, but if he asks again and again, it is annoyance: no answer. Benefit for continuance.

THE SYMBOL : A spring comes out at the foot of the mountain, this symbolizes youth. The superior man will cultivate his character through decisive action.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : To enlighten youth it is better to use discipline. Obstacles in the mind should be removed. Otherwise, humiliation. One will encounter gossip, disputes, perhaps even lawsuits, and will be liable to fall out of harmony with one's friend and family, but in the end will be free of entanglements. The student can expect to pass his exam and start a new career. This is a good time for people to find opportunities in education or law.

Nine in the 2nd place : To treat youth generously brings good fortune. Arranging a marriage brings good fortune. The son

Can take over the household. Condition will be peaceful, and one may be either active or at rest. A person will keep his job, be in harmony with society, and easily achieve his undertakings; in addition he can expect to associate with a great or important personality. Perhaps marriage and children are indicated. Students should look for fulfillment.

Six in the 3rd place : Do not choose a girl who, when she sees a rich man, loses her control. No benefit.

Now it is best to be quiet and cautious, otherwise one will be caught up in gossip. A man should beware of failure due to trouble with women or with drinking. People should avoid bribery at work, and students should guard against wasting study time.

Six in the 4th place : The youth beset by confusion. Humiliation.

Be quiet and cautious, do not get lost by taking action thoughtlessly. You may have trouble getting along with other people at this time, and your enterprises may not go smoothly. If employed, your chances are not good for promotion, if a student, lack of recommendations will make it hard to get a job.

Six in the 5th place : The youth submits. Good fortune.

If you receive this line, you can expect to achieve your goals easily.

Nine at the top : To punish youth, it does no good to commit a violation.

Cautious is advised, at this time, there may be disputes, lawsuits, thefts, or slander from those below. Students, however, can expect to achieve their goals and gain rewards, and working people may obtain jobs related to the government.



5 HSU WAITING NOURISHMENT 需 NHU

Hsu means necessity, nourishment or waiting. The upper trigram is K'an, water or danger, the lower is Ch'ien, heaven, sky or strength. The image is that of water in the heavens, it is cloudy and will rain, but you cannot make it rain; you must wait. Thus the hexagram indicates waiting, but not idly, one should use this time to prepare for the future.

Nourishment here also means good opportunity. Those who get this hexagram should be ambitious, there will be good fortune in seeking transfer and advancement. Proceed step by step, not rapidly, be careful but not afraid. Competition at this time can be a beneficial thing. According to the fifth line, you'll be successful through effort with caution. The sixth line indicates that you should treat friends, colleagues even enemies generously. This hexagram also refers to meditation.

Chinese character of Hsu pictures a man sitting with his spine erect, his hands and legs crossed on a four-legged bench.

Nourishment in this case is the reserve of inner energy in the mediator's abdomen. The decision says: If you're sincere you'll have glory(light) and success.. It is of benefit to cross the great water(to travel to remote places). If you persevere with meditation and await the rising of energy, you will see your glory. Crossing the great water means the passing of the essence from the pelvic flower up the spinal cord to the top of the head.

THE JUDGMENT : Waiting. If you are sincere, you will have glory (light) and success.

Continuing leads to good fortune. It is of benefit to cross the water(travel to remote places)

THE SYMBOL : Clouds rise up in the sky; this symbolizes waiting. The superior man enjoys his food and drink. He remains relaxed and happy.

THE LINES :

Nine at the bottom: Waiting in the countryside. It is of benefit to continue. No regret.

Even if one has some success, he will not be satisfied with his situation. But now is the time to avoid adventuresome undertakings and to work instead at maintaining one's position.

Nine in the 2nd place: Waiting in the sand(seashore, bank of the river) arouses gossip. Good fortune in the end.

A time of agitation, one will be involved in disputes or lawsuits and disturbed by gossip. Both teachers and students are liable to become the objects of blame because of either their work or their exams. But if one treats others generously, everything will resolve itself. This is the time to consider a job involving speaking.

Nine in the 3rd place: Waiting in the mud brings on the enemy.

Everything should be wary of theft or loss of possession. If a person should lose his job, it will be his own fault. A student should guard against slander. Caution in traveling is advised.

Six in the 4th place : Waiting in blood. Come out from the pit.

The situation is troublesome, but it will gradually become peaceful; freedom follows entrapment. A person can now better his position at work while avoiding danger, and students can get the degrees, but great success remains beyond reach.

Nine in the 5th place: Waiting at the feast. Continuing brings good fortune.

At this time you can expect to gain property or money, or you may get married. If you work, you will get a job at headquarters or become the head of a branch. This is also a time of eating good food.

Six at the top : Entering the pit, three unexpected guests arrive. Treat them courteously. Good fortune in the end.

Proceed slowly and be extremely cautious, otherwise you are destined for misery and sickness. When you enter headquarters, beware of slander. If you are a student, you might do advanced studies, but others are likely to suspect your motives.



6 SUNG CONFLICT 訟 TUNG

A conflict, argument or dispute is indicated by Sung. The upper primary trigram is Ch'ien, which signifies both strength and movement, the lower trigram is K'an, water, which indicates danger. Heaven implies an upward movement, but the natural movement of water is downward, the opposite nature of these forces is the basis for conflict. Ch'ien also stands for an old man or leader; K'an stands for a young man. This means that when there is conflict, the young man should consult the older man who has more experiences than he does. The older man is like a wise leader who can instruct his followers. Those who get this hexagram should not attempt any great undertakings in business or anything else. If one maintains the present conditions, he can expect good fortune. Prospects for an intended marriage or love affair are not favorable.

THE JUDGMENT : Conflict you have sincerity, even though obstructed, stop halfway—good fortune. Follow to the end—misfortune. It is of benefit to see the great man, but not to cross the great water.

THE SYMBOL : Heaven and water go in different directions, symbolizing conflict. The superior man contemplates the beginning before undertaking an enterprise.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : One does not continue the affair (conflict). Even if there is some gossip, good fortune in the end,.

Although the first line indicates a time of gossip, lawsuits, and disaster, it also suggests that all will end well. People will meet with slander in their job, but it will disappear without their answering; students are talked about, but that comes to nothing. The sick will recover without medication. If birth time and zodiac sign are unfavorable, however, one will suffer from poor health.

Nine in the 2nd place : One cannot continue the conflict. Retreating, he goes home. Three hundred families in his town will avoid disaster.

People who remains in their families will live in peace without danger. Those employed can expect higher salaries, those in school will have stability. But if misfortune should occur one will have to go to a faraway place or take part in a lawsuit or divorce proceeding.

Six in the 3rd place : Depending on ancient virtues. Continuing in this way leads to danger. In the end, good fortune. While working in public affairs, one should not seek achievement. During this time people can expect to maintain their normal daily lives. This means no advancement, but no failure or difficulty either.

Nine in the 4th place : One cannot continue the conflict. Returning and changing one's attitude brings peace and good fortune.

Now is the time of peace, good fortune, and comfort, a good time to improve your conduct. If you lose your job, you will find another if now in school,, you'll find an opportunity to obtain a new position. But if birth time and zodiac symbol are unfavorable, you should beware of other bothering you.

Nine in the 5th place : Conflict. To submit the conflict to a great man brings great good fortune. One can expect to make money from his undertaking. The employed person can look forward to an important position, and the student will pass an exam and gain recognition.

Nine at the top : Even if he receives an ornamental belt, it will be snatched away three times in one morning.

A time of conflict or mourning. For working people this line indicates some success, some failure : they may advance, then decline. But students will pass exams with very high grades.



7 SHIH THE ARMY 師 SU

Shih signifies an army, a battle, competition, or business rivalry. The upper primary trigram is K'un, representing earth, soil or masses of people, the lower primary trigram is K'an, representing water or danger. When water collects in the earth, it becomes a powerful force, as people assembled in an army are powerful. But if there is too much water, it will erode the earth and overflow, causing damage. So, too, must the army be carefully trained, or disorder and rebellion will erupt. It should be loyal and work for the benefit of the country. The unbroken line in the 2nd place indicates the general. All the other lines are broken, or yielding : they give to the general the power necessary to do his job. The success of an army in battle depends on both the degree of trust the soldiers place in their general, and the general's confidence in the ability and loyalty of his troops. By his conduct and moral, he should strive to win the respect of the army and the people; he should demonstrate his wisdom through generosity. The same is true for business. The manager must strive to win the confidence of the employees and owner alike.

THE JUDGMENT : The army. The army demands perseverance. And a strong person(leader). Good fortune. No blame.

THE SYMBOL : Water in the earth, symbolizes army. The superior man increases his followers by benevolence to people.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom: An army should be put in correct order, if not there will be disaster.

The time is favorable for one to make money through smart undertakings. Those employed will see their work go smoothly and will gain the favor of their superiors, students and scholars will pursue the correct course of study and achieve their goals. But if a person is rude and thoughtless, he will fail more often than not. Watch out for danger or disease.

Nine in the 2nd place : A general works within his army. Good fortune. No blame. The king confers a triple honor.

People can expect to be helped by influential persons to achieve their goals. Those employed will be honored and receive important positions, or they will change their careers. Students will earn high grades on their exams. Women, priests and monks will all be honored.

Six in the 3rd place : The army carries corpses. Misfortune.

This is a time for sudden mourning. People born in the twelfth month(jan) however will have good fortune. If you're looking for a job, you can expect to be put on a waiting list, but the job will provide little money or benefits.

Six in the 4th place : The army retreats at the proper time. No blame.

By avoiding reckless action, a person will have a comfortable life and enjoy his career. This is a good time to repair one's home or travel. It may be better to decline a job offer now. But a student can expect an award.

Six in the 5th place : Much game in the field . It benefits to capture it . No blame. The army is led by the eldest son. The younger son carries the corpses. Continuing brings misfortune.

People will add to their property, achieve their goals and find good helpers. Those employed can look forward to more power and a better position, and students can expect to pass their exams and be successful. One should be wary, however, for trouble for one's youngest son.

Six at the top place: The king issues directives, establishes states, and awards fiefs to certain families. Inferior should not be given power. At this time people can expect to attain prosperity for their families. Those employed will gain the power to achieve their career goals, while those who are self-employed will gain recognition through their skills. But one should beware of gossip and one's own arrogance, for these can bring misfortune.



8 PI UNION 比 Tǐ

Pi means harmony, cooperation, or merging of separate parts. The upper trigram is K'an, water, and the lower is K'un, earth; water on the earth. The earth receives the water and the water moistens the earth. There is close bond between them, like the relationship between mother and child.

The preceding hexagram, Shih, represented a time of war when the leader was in the second position, far from the ruler; in Pi the leader is in the fifth place, a high position. All the other lines are broken and subordinates to the unbroken one, the person indicated possesses generosity and a strong character.

This hexagram is good fortune for those who can cooperate and act with sincerity. It is favorable for love and marriage. For business, it means prosperity and good fortune., if the manager is honest and forthright. Where there is mutual trust, undertakings will be successful, but trust develops only when people acts guilelessly.

THE JUDGMENT : Union, good fortune. The prediction for one attempting union. Should be greatness, continuation, and constancy; No blame. If one hesitates, then joins late; misfortune.

THE SYMBOL : Water over the earth, Symbolizes union. The ancient kings established many states and were friendly with feudal Lords.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Union with confidence. No blame. Full of confidence, like a bowl full of water. Good fortune in the end.

People will get help from friends to achieve their goals easily. Those who are working will receive an unexpected promotion; student will find a job through a recommendation.

Six in the 2nd place : Union from within. Continuing brings good fortune.

With help of important persons, people will achieve their goals. Students and scholars can expect recognition and a position, and women are likely to find good husbands. At work, however, one may be on a trial period.

Six in the 3rd place : Union with the wrong people. There will be sad results.

This is a time of conflict, mourning, lost money, or exile to a remote place. A woman is in danger of marrying an unworthy husband, thus damaging herself and her family. A student may be suspended or expelled. Everyone should watch out for jealous or suspicious friends and beware of declining health.

Six in the 4th place : Union outside. Continuing brings good fortune.

People succeeds with the help of friends and easily achieve their goals. Those with job can expect to be promoted.

Nine in the 5th place : Union with honor. The king hunts on three sides only, losing game through the front. The people are not afraid. Good fortune.

Obstruction in the beginning, smoothness later : people can expect success in their enterprises and comfort in their personal life. The employee can look forward to promotion, and the students can expect to receive a fellowship or an academic degree.

Six at the top : Union without a leader. Misfortune.

This is a time of trouble and difficulties: people cannot get along with their friends, and they may suffer from poor health

As well. At work, one is liable to meet a dangerous situation with no support from his friends.

Without help from the school admin, the student will find it difficult to gain recognition.



9 HSIAO CH'U TAMING THE SMALL POWERS 小畜 TIÊU SỨC

Taming the small powers implies rest, storage, and preparation. The upper primary trigram is Sun, wind, the lower, Ch'ien, heaven or sky, while the nuclear trigrams are Li, the sun, and Tui, clouds : the wind blows and the clouds accumulate in the sky, covering up the sun. It is going to rain, but not yet. This situation symbolizes the preparation which precedes a new development; after battle—Hexagram 7 comes unification- Hexagram 8 and then rest and preparation.

Hsiao ch'u is favorable for a new undertaking. Although there may be confusion and difficulty, one should be patient, for success will come in the end.. For love and marriage, this hexagram indicates temporary trouble and suspicion which will eventually be resolved.

THE JUDGMENT : Taming the small powers : success. Thick clouds come from the west, no rain.

THE SYMBOL : The wind blows across the sky, symbolizing taming the small powers. The superior man improves his ability and virtues.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Return to the correct way. Then how can one be blamed. It is good fortune. This line signifies a time of peace. The person without a job will find one, the wanderer will return to his home, and the student will go back to his studies. But if birth time and zodiac symbol are unfavorable, one will hesitate and find it difficult to make decisions. A person should avoid suspicion and jealousy in any new undertaking.

Nine in the 2nd place : One is influenced to return to the correct way. Good fortune.

Now is the time for people to unite and achieve their goals. Those employed can expect to become supervisor and be recommended for new position, those in academic world will give distinguished performances and advances before their peers. But if birth time and zodiac symbol are unfavorable, one may become entangled in one's mistakes and fail.

Nine in the 3rd place : The wheels separated from the wagon. Husband and wife are in disharmony.

Even if conditions seem favorable, you are now in danger of being slandered. Do not expect a promotion, but rather, prepare for set-back. At this time a person should watch out for disease in the feet or eyes. There may be separation from one's family

Six in the 4th place : If you are forthright bloodshed and fear vanished, no blame.

It indicates that a person will be in harmony with his circle of friends because of his honesty and that he will succeed in his enterprises. Working person, this means a promotion with the recommendation of his friends and colleagues. The student will have the favor of those above him and the means to achieve his goal. But if birth time and zodiac sign unfavorable, there is danger of bloodshed.

Nine in the 5th place : You are sincere you will be enriched by your neighbor.

You can expect help from others and you'll slowly achieve success. Relied on by his employer and appreciated by friends, the employee will find his position increasing in importance.

Scholars will achieve cooperation in working toward a common goal.

Nine at the top : It is raining; one can rest, respected for one's virtues. Continuing to hesitate like a woman brings danger, the moon is almost full. If the superior man sets forth; misfortune.

If you withdraw you can avoid the troubles indicated by this line. Rivals will try to trap you or get you fired; watch out for gossip. If you are a student you are in danger of being slandered because of your beliefs.



10 LU TREADING 履 LÍ

This hexagram gives advices on how one should act. Tui, the youngest daughter, follows in the footsteps of Ch'ien, the father, the upper trigram ; thus she avoids mistakes. But Tui also means tiger, and we have here another image, someone stepping on the tiger tail . Gentleness in this situations indicated, however, by Sun, the upper nuclear trigram,, which is the gentle. In addition, the lower nuclear trigram is Li, which can denote the eyes: one looks very carefully when stepping on the tiger tail. In a dangerous situation, you should act very carefully, thus escaping harm. If you decide to follow the ideas or advice of a wise man, you should first contemplate the meaning of those ideas in the context of your life. This hexagram advises quietness and inactivity. You should act only after you have planned carefully and then with

resolution. In seclusion you will receive good fortune or at least avoid disaster. The 2nd, 4th and 6th lines are favorable because they are in yielding position, the 3rd is bad fortune, the 5th, even though in a central position is still dangerous.

THE JUDGMENT : Treading: Stepping on the tail of the tiger, but it does not bite one ; success.

THE SYMBOL : The heaven above and the lake below. Symbolize treading. The superior man differentiates between high and low, and thus fixes the minds of the people.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : simplicity of conduct. Continue, No blame.

People can expect to achieve their goals and in the process make money. If the employed is conscientious and generous, he will have a good chance for promotion. If the student receives good training he will be successful.

Nine in the 2nd place : Treading in a safe and peaceful way. The man in seclusion carries on. Good fortune.

Caution will bring good fortune. Although students & scholars have little chance for gaining new position, they should be content. This is a good time for a working person to retire.

Six in the 3rd place : A one-eyed man can see; a lame man can walk; but when they step on the tail of the tiger, the tiger will bite. Misfortune. The warrior conducts himself like a great prince.

This is a dangerous time: watch out for conflict, lawsuits, imprisonment, bankruptcy. If you work you are in danger of

Losing your job; if you are in school, you should be wary of slanderous attacks.

Nine in the 4th place : He steps on the tail of the tiger. Caution and fearfulness. Good fortune in the end. Trouble or disaster threaten and one must be very careful. Women will not get along with their husbands and families; working people will have little influence. The student however, will pass his exams with high grades.

Nine in the 5th place : Continue in a decisive manner. Danger.

There is now a tendency to rush and be careless. By all means stop this, or trouble will mount and disaster will come. Working people will achieve a great deal but will gain neither recognition nor reward.

Nine at the top : Observe your conduct and examine the signs carefully. There will be great good fortune.

You can expect to receive money or property. If you have retired from a high position, you'll find peace and comfort. If a student, you'll improve yourself and achieve success. Do not listen to the advice of others.



11 T'AI PEACE 泰 THAI

T'ai is a hexagram of good fortune; it indicates a time of peace, prosperity, flowering and harmony. The upper trigram, K'un, is earth, masses, flexibility and mother; the lower trigram, Ch'ien, is strength, father, king, or leader. Their position in this hexagram indicates a leader who is humble before the people, flexible and yielding on the outside but internally strong and with great energy. The upper nuclear trigram, Chen, stands for wood, and the lower, Tui, for lake. Together they represent the image of trees growing beside a lake: nourished by the water, the trees grow well. Chen also means spring, and Tui autumn, good time for grow and harvest. K'un the upper trigram is female, or yielding; Ch'ien the lower is male, or strong. Thus the male obeys the female; the strong yields to the weak. This indicates a person whose inner purpose is very definite, but who acts externally with moderation. Those who get this hexagram have the ability to live harmoniously with their friends and colleagues on all level of society: everything they do will go smoothly. In the family there will be harmony between husband and wife. T'ai forecasts success. If you do something well, however, do not become intoxicated by success' for then arrogance and downfall will be the final results. This is the warning of the 6th line.

THE JUDGMENT Peace. The small is departing, the great is arriving, Good fortune. Success.

THE SYMBOL : Heaven and earth are unified, symbolizing peace. The ruler reforms and completes the way of heaven and earth; He observes the appropriate methods of heaven and earth to direct the people.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : When ribbon grass is pulled out, its root comes with it: they are the same kind. Undertakings lead to good fortune.

By cooperating with friends, one will make more money, day by day. For workingman, this means harmony at work and a good chance for promotion. If students perform with honesty and ability, they'll have great opportunities for success.

Nine in the 2nd place : Bear with the underdeveloped. Swim across the river decisively, not forgetting what is remote, nor disregarding one's friends. Thus one can gain the middle way. The line indicates that one will have the support of an important person, it also means success in a remote place or a period of self-employment for someone who works. Students will be successful, gaining recognition, benefits and money from their undertakings. But if birth time and zodiac symbol unfavorable, a person will lose the advantages he has accrued or get into trouble through a dispute.

Nine in the 3rd place : No plain without a slope. No departure without a return. Continuing in difficult situation. No blame. Do not fear; face the truth. One receives blessings.

This is the time to be cautious and to maintain the present position of you and your family. Avoid difficult situations, otherwise you will be entrapped amid obstacles and insults. At work, you should fulfill your duties carefully, thus preventing jealousy and slanders. In school you should keep your present course. Do not expect good fortune.

Six in the 4th place : One strives with a cheerful manner, not boasting of riches to a neighbor. One has full confidence without fear. One should not expect to achieve one's undertaking : if enterprises begun it will fail. People will gossip about you. If you retire, your troubles will end.

Six in the 5th place : The emperor gives his daughter in marriage. This will bring blessings and great good fortune..

This is a time of good fortune. Working people will have favorable opportunities for promotion and success; students will pass exams and get their degrees. Some can expect to be famous and win the favor of society. Perhaps others will marry and have child.

Six on the top : The wall collapses into the moat. Do not use force. Make announcement to the people in your own town. Continuing will bring humiliation. This is not a good time: working people are in danger of being demoted or dismissed

Students being slandered, and people in general of suffering loss and sickness. But if one is kind and generous, he will avoid disaster.



12 P'I STAGNATION 否 Bǐ

This hexagram is the opposite of the preceding one, Peace; it means stagnation, poverty or hard times. The upper trigram is Ch'ien- strength, leader, king; the lower is K'un, meaning yielding or masses. Together they indicate something strong on the top but weak below which will easily collapse. Referring to persons, the trigram Ch'ien indicates someone strong or proud on the outside, while K'un means weakness within, like a person who hides his emptiness behind cleverness or arrogance.. He does not get along with people anywhere, either at home or in society, and thus falls upon hard times. He is also like the leader who appears to be proud and powerful in public but who is actually a weak ruler whom the masses will overthrow, unlike the yielding ruler of hexagram 11. But do not be discouraged. If you change your attitude and manner, you can improve your condition. Lao-tze : good fortune is often hidden in misfortune; misfortune sometimes lies in good fortune. People who are poor but who work and study diligently can become rich and prosperous. When you decide to act, make sure you have planned well and that you act with moderation; thus the situation can be turned to the good.

THE JUDGMENT Stagnation. Stagnation is of no benefit, although not a man 's doing The superior man carries on(according to his principles). The great is departing, the small is arriving.

THE SYMBOL : Heaven and earth are not united, symbolizing stagnation. The superior man restrains himself to avoid danger. He seeks neither honor nor wealth.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : When ribbon grass is pulled out, its roots come with it. They are of the same kind. Continuing leads to success and good fortune.

A person who gets this line should be circumspect and avoid involvement with people of evil intention. If looking for work, one should await a vacancy; if already working, avoid gossip.

Scholar will have difficulty getting a position at this time.

Six in the 2nd place : Forbearance and obedience bring good fortune for the inferior. The superior man is stagnant. But his purpose will succeed.

If you remain humble you'll be safe, for in its confusion and disordered society will condemn all prominent persons. If working, be cautious, if in school, bide your time.

Six in the 3rd place : They bear with humiliation. Now is time to avoid gossip, insult, and humiliation, specially if you're a student. An employed person is likely to resign his position.

Nine in the 4th place : He, whose actions are in accord with the orders of the highest receives no blame. His fellows share in his blessing. People can expect to receive property, and both they and their descendants will have good fortune. Those employed will receive a raise and a promotion through a friend's help, while those in school will gain recognition by someone's recommendation.

Nine in the 5th place : Stagnation is coming to an end. The great man has good fortune. Will it fail? Will it fail?. He ties it to the mulberry shoots.

Sadness becomes happiness; misfortune turned to good fortune. People will be trouble free, a jealous rival will be silenced, and a wind fall will come in the form of property. Those employed will have important position, but if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, they will lose them.

Nine at the top : Stagnation ends. First there is stagnation, later good fortune.

For a long time one should expect difficulty; he may lose his job or be set back in school. Later, however, the situation will improve' one will find another job or advance in school. A drawn-out legal suit will be won eventually. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there may be sadness and illness.



13 T'UNG JEN FELLOWSHIP OF MEN 同人 ĐỒNG NHƠN

T'ung Jen signifies union, cooperation or a group of people working together for the same end. The sun(Li, lower trigram) is shining brightly in the heavens(Ch'ien, upper trigram) lighting and benefiting the whole world.. Li also denotes fire, warmth, and clarity, and Ch'ien strength and decisiveness : together they indicate a person decisive on the outside, warm and clear-minded on the inside. Those who get this hexagram will have the ability for leadership; ability to organize business, political parties, or groups. In such undertakings, there will be many competitors and even danger, but in the end, success. You should avoid conflict, yield and have patience. Both the upper primary and upper nuclear trigrams are Ch'ien, which indicates great strength and an excess of energy. The lower nuclear trigram, Sun is wind, and lower primary trigram, Li is fire. The wind blows the fire, causing it to burn higher; you easily become angry and excited because of the raging fire within. When T'ung Jen changes from positive to negative, it becomes hexagram 7, Shih, the army or battle.

THE JUDGMENT

Fellowship of men in the open(countryside). Success. It benefits one to cross the great water. It benefits the superior man to continue his task.

THE SYMBOL Fire goes up to heaven, symbolizing fellowship of men. The superior man organizes his kinship group, and sorts them out.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Fellowship of men outside the gate. No blame. Good friends will cooperate in undertakings for your benefit. Either a long trip or repairs in the home are in store. The employee will have a better chance for promotion; student will get a degree and easily obtain a position.

Six in the 2nd place : Fellowship of men in the kinship group. Humiliation. One can expect unsettled affairs. Differing tastes will lead to trouble with relatives and friends, with jealousy and

gossip the result. The employee will be looked into his present job and cannot expect a salary increase. Student will graduate, but will not find success at his job.

Nine in the 3rd place : They hide arms in the bushes. They climb to the summit of a hill. For three years they do not act.

For most people this is a time of disputes and mourning. Only with caution can one avoid losing his job. Students and scholars, however, the line indicates that a high position is forthcoming.

Nine in the 4th place : They climb on the wall. They are unable to attack. Good fortune.

A person can expect greater responsibility in his job, or he may be involved in constructing a building. He will be rewarded for his good work. Student, however, will not be able to find employment. If you are successful at this time, you may also encounter suspicion, jealousy, insults, and conflict. Take precaution.

Nine in the 5th place : Fellowship of men. They cry and lament. Later, they laugh. After great battles they have success.

Happiness and work come and go; people will have difficulty in the beginning but easy going later on, including a promotion. At this time one has good prospects for a career involving speaking.

Nine at the top : Fellowship of men in the open(countryside). No remorse.

Indicates that work in the remote place likely. But if you do not have a job, it will be difficult to find one. The correct course is to keep your old position and lead a settled life.



14 TA YU GREAT POSSESSIONS 大有 DAI HŪ

Riches, wealth, and success are all indicated by Ta Yu, whose upper trigram is Li(sun, glory, clarity) and lower trigram is Ch'ien(heaven, strength). The great man's honor and glory can enlighten society as noonday sun shines on the earth. The upper and lower nuclear trigrams signify gold. Ta Yu indicates an initial setback to one's plans, such as jealousy or losing a small sum of money, but in the end success.

This hexagram also applies as a warning to the person who has already achieved great success. Almost all of the six lines are favorable, but one must remember that misfortune often hides in good fortune. Even as the sun reaches its zenith at noon, it is beginning to set; when the moon is full it begins to wane. So too if a man is rich and pursues indulgent luxury, he will gradually become poor, and when a man is successful, he may easily become arrogant, lose his friends, and develop enemies and rivals. With a correct attitude, however, he can retain his prosperity. The next hexagram is Ch'ien, or modesty, if a man is modest, then he will gain Happiness, the 16th hexagram Yu.

THE JUDGMENT

Great possessions. Great Success.

THE SYMBOL;

Fire over heaven symbolizes great possessions. The superior man suppresses evil and honors virtue, and thus follow the will of heaven and waits upon destiny.

THE LINES

Nine at the top : Avoidance of the harmful brings no blame. Awareness of difficulty. Also no blame. This line indicates sadness and confusion but also that one can avoid them by being cautious. Perhaps a person should resign his job before misfortune strikes, even though he is now satisfied. For student, no new accomplishments are likely now. Leaders should beware of insults from inferiors.

Nine in the 2nd place : Loading the big wagon. Undertaking without blame. One can expect to achieve his undertaking and acquire property. This means that working people will receive important position, students will advance, and the military will achieve victory. For older people, however, the line means poor health.

Nine in the 3rd place : A duke makes an offering to the emperor. The inferior man is unable to do this. Working people can expect important positions, but the academic will find it hard to advance and may be insulted by those below him. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one will not get along with his colleagues and may be punished or injured.

Nine in the 4th place : He distinguishes between himself and his friends. This brings no blame. During this time, you'll maintain your present position without great difficulty. Trouble may develop, however, in the eyes.

Six in the 5th place : One is confident, sociable, and dignified. Good fortune.

Proud or aggressive actions will cause trouble. One should not be hasty but wait for the proper opportunity to act. The employed one should consider resigning before unfavorable events occur. For the academic, if the time is favorable, an enterprise should be undertaken.

Nine at the top : One is blessed by heaven. Good fortune. Benefit in everything. This is a time when everyone advances

Favored by important persons in high positions. The farmer will be prosperous.



15 CH' IEN MODESTY 謙 KHIÊM

The image presented by Ch'ien is that the mountain(Ken) below the earth(K'un). It also represents the period between winter and spring, when nature stores its energy within while the outside is cold and barren. This hexagram indicates a person who is wealthy and recognized but who is humble and polite, not only to superiors, but also to subordinates. In this attitude he gets along well with people everywhere.

Ch'ien is made up of one positive(yang) line and five negative(yin) lines. For a man this means he will get along well with women; for a woman it indicates ability to manage a household. Her husband would do well to listen to her ideas.

In the I Ching, the positive and negative forces, the forceful and the yielding are constantly interchanging means that a humble person should sometimes change his manner by gathering strength and taking the offensive. Perhaps it is necessary that he defends himself against those who would take advantage of his humility.

THE JUDGMENT

Modesty : Success. The superior man can continue his work to the end.

THE SYMBOL : The mountain within the earth symbolizes Modesty. The superior man reduces the excess and increases the lacking; he weighs and then equalizes all things.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : The superior man is modest in his modesty. It is favorable to cross the great water. Good fortune.

Six at the bottom suggests travel to a remote place. If you work you can expect added responsibilities. If in school, you'll demonstrate knowledge and ability, and you should wait for the right career opportunity. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you may suffer injury.

Six in the 2nd place : Modesty is expressed. Continuing brings good fortune. One should keep his position and not act abruptly. Working people will have a chance for promotion; those without jobs will achieve their undertakings.

Nine in the 3rd place : The superior man works in a modest way to conclusion. Good fortune. People will profit by their undertakings and lead active lives. Those employed will have favorable opportunities for advancement.

Six in the 4th place : To act with modesty is beneficial toward everything. Be humble and avoid harm. Employed people can expect good fortune in all things.. But students, farmers, merchants, and self-employed businessmen should remain as they are and not undertake new enterprise.

Six in the 5th place : Do not show off your riches to your neighbor. It is beneficial to attack with force. It is favorable for everything. This line indicates that people will gain great benefits and be successful through the help of important persons. They should, however, beware of conflict. It also implies that a person might find himself specially suited for a position in the military or in law. Students can expect to pass their exams and receive their degree.

Six at the top : Modesty is expressed. It is favorable to use the army to chastise the city and the country.

Conflict will upset you, but resolution will follow. You can avoid remorse and failure by using your intelligence, but your mind must be tranquil. You can expect to get a great job with greater independence. A student can expect to gain recognition within his circle, even though he completes his course with few honor.



16 YU HAPPINESS 豫 DU

Yu, means both happiness and preparation and it implies enthusiasm. The period between winter and spring is represented, when the 1st thunder (Chen, upper trigram) awakens all creatures and plants on the earth(K'un). K'un is mother, here is giving birth to her 1st son, Chen. Thus it is time for new undertakings and great happiness.

Receiver of this hexagram should be wary of exhibiting excessive enthusiasm when beginning a new undertaking. If they are not, there will be misfortune. The hexagram also advises that everything necessary for advancement should be made ready. Then if an opportunity presents itself, it should be seized immediately without hesitation. The 3rd line indicates disappointment if this is not done. The 4th line suggests great success and wealth. But, beware, indulgence can ruin health, the 5th line says that there will be persistent illness. Everything should have limitations, even happiness; otherwise it can produce misfortune. People who are prosperous live with the delusion that prosperity is perpetual: wealth clouds their mind and they cannot see clearly. But if their attitudes and ways of living are correct, then their good fortune can continue. The symbol

indicates that those who get this hexagram can be successful as musicians or in the theater or entertainment business. Religious undertaking will also be advantageous during this time.

THE JUDGMENT : Happiness. It is of benefit to build up the country(or business). And send the army forth.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder arising from the earth symbolizes Happiness. The ancient kings composed music to honor virtue, offering it to God and the spirits of their ancestors.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Happiness that shows itself off brings misfortune. One will be fearful , meeting obstacles and gossip. At work, what seems a good opportunity may lead to failure. But students and scholars will gain sudden recognition.

Six in the 2nd place : Firm and stable like a rock. Do not wait a whole day. Continuing brings good fortune.

This line indicates that one will gain great benefit: students in particular will achieve recognition. A decision whether to plunge in or remain aloof should be made rapidly.

Six in the 3rd place : Looking upward leads to remorse. Delay brings regret.

A time of sudden progress and sudden setbacks. People will not lead peaceful lives. They'll encounter gossip and find that they cannot realize their plans. Stability cannot be found in one's work, a person may be suddenly promoted or set back . The student is in danger of failing to make a decision .

Nine in the 4th place : he source of happiness . One receives great gain without hesitation. Your friends are already successful. You can expect profit from your undertakings. Those employed will gain success and recognition, while students and the unemployed are likely to find jobs.

Six in the 5th place : Long illness but still living

You have many ideas and plans but cannot fulfill them. This is not the time for students and the unemployed to find opportunity. But an employed person may become successful by relying on someone important.. Watch out for sickness in the stomach.

Six at the top : Deluded happiness. Change after completion. No blame.\

Arrogance causes conflicts and lawsuits, bribery in one's job lead to demotion, errors and ignorance in one's studies lead to slander. But if people correct their mistakes, they can avoid further misfortunes.



17 SIU FOLLOWING 隨 TÙY

Chen, the lower trigram stands for thunder, the eldest son, or an adult young man. The upper trigram, Tui is beauty, autumn, the youngest daughter. The hexagram Sui portrays a strong young man running after a pretty girl. He impresses her, and they are happy together. Those who get this hexagram are likely to be in a beneficial situation. This contains the possibility, however, of an imminent decline. Tui the upper trigram, represents the dusk of the day, a beautiful- time aglow with the bright colors of the sunset, but when night steadily approaches. Sun also depicts the thunder(Chen) that grows weaker in autumn(Tui), or the autumn leaves whose beauty will soon wither, die, and be trampled in the earth. A person should conserve its energy: too much excitement brings bad fortune. Perhaps he should retire or return

home. A marriage will be transformed . Friends will be gained and lost easily. Avoid new entanglements.

THE JUDGMENT : Following. Great success. It is of benefit to continue. No blame.

THE SYMBOL ; Thunder in the lake symbolizes following. In the evening, the superior man rests and relaxes in his home.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : One's position is changing. To continue brings good fortune. Both friends and business are gained by going out. Success.

This indicates benefit; those with job will receive promotion, while students will have opportunities for advancement.

Six in the 2nd place : By staying with the boy, you lose the strong man. With this line you are liable to find yourself restless, detained, or entangled in gossip. If you are employed, you should consider resigning and awaiting an opportunity for a new undertaking.

Six in the 3rd place : By staying with the strong man, you lose the boy. Through following, one will gain what one seeks. To continue benefits. You'll gain in your undertakings if you act correctly. Those with jobs, a high position through another's recommendations is in store. The academic will receive recognition through a recommendation.

Nine in the 4th place : Success is gained by following. But to continue brings misfortune. Going the correct way leads to glory(brightness). How can there be blame?

Expect the aid of an influential person, will change misfortune to good fortune. If you work this means you'll hold an important position and succeed in what you set out to do.

Nine in the 5th place : There is confidence in goodness. Good fortune.

One will have the good fortune of plans that meet with success. The employee can expect to be promoted and the student can expect a position through recommendation.

Six at the top : Deeply involved with one's fellow, one tries to continue. The king offers the western mountain.

People should be on guard against entanglements and loss, otherwise they'll be subject to worry, illness, and general poor health. The employed one should guard against being slandered, student or scholar should avoid being insulted.



18 KU WORK AFTER SPOILING 蠱 𪚩 CŌ

This hexagram implies that, although conditions are bad now, improvement can be expected. The wind, Sun, the lower trigram, blows at the foot of the mountain, Ken, the upper trigram, destroying the trees and grass. Later, however, the trees will bud and the grass will sprout: the land will again be cultivated. Thus the superior man, who provides moral leadership, chastises a corrupt society, telling the people to change and control themselves: society is once again put in order. Work after spoiling represents a time of renewal and repair, new situations and prosperity. If you get this hexagram and the situation is bad, do not worry. Try to change your attitude and rid yourself of bad habits: you can change your conditions from bad to good. But after achieving the success, you should withdraw. This prolongs good fortune.

For business, Ku indicates a bad situation: organization or management in a poor condition, and financial circumstances are not good. One can do nothing about the financial situation, but he should try to reorganize the business. Then when more favorable condition arrives, he'll be prosperous again. For government or politics, it means that the political party should reorganize itself and allow new elements to assume leadership. A new leader can change policies and brings improvement for all.

In romance and marital affairs, a complicated situation is indicated, Ken, the upper primary trigram, is the youngest son, while Sun, the lower, is the oldest daughter: a young man will love an older woman. The upper nuclear trigram is Chen, the eldest son, while the lower is Tui, the youngest daughter: an older man involved with a young girl. In both cases marriage will be difficult because of differing temperaments and lifestyles, even though they love each other deeply, they will always conflict. There can be no happiness in their union.

THE JUDGMENT : Work after spoiling, Great success. It is of benefit to cross the great water. Before starting, three days, after starting, three days.

THE SYMBOL : Wind blowing around the foot of the mountain, symbolizes Work after spoiling. The superior man encourages people to cultivate virtue.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : If the mistakes of the father are corrected by the son, no blame. There is danger, but in the end good fortune. With the help of their families influence, people will achieve their goal. Those who work will obtain important position and introduce new policies.

Nine in the 2nd place : In correcting the mistakes of the mother, one must not too persistent.

This line indicates success, but you should not think of following in your parents' careers. If you're working, you need not worry about losing your job. A woman, your diligence and drift will help you become rich and have a rewarding career.

Nine in the 3rd place : In correcting the mistakes of the father, there is slight remorse. No great blame.

Over ambition at work causes error, and hasty actions in school lead to trouble. But correct actions will avoid disaster.

Six in the 4th place : Continuing to tolerate the mistakes of the father brings humiliation.

Although a person now enjoys good fortune, he will suffer a loss because of pride. At work one may be criticized for incompetence; the academic may ruin his career through laziness. Then there will be sadness in everything. Watch out for trouble in the feet.

Six in the 5th place : Correcting the mistakes of the father leads to recognition.

This is a time of good fortune. People will marry, have children, move to new homes, or start new careers. Workers and students will advance and gain recognition.

Nine at the top : By not serving kings and princes, one gains higher recognition.

People will remain in their original careers, although for some now is a good time to retire; students should await an opportunity for advancement. If birth time and zodiac favorable, chance will be good that one will be helped by an important person to achieve success.



19 LIN APPROACH 臨 LÂM

Lin means approaching someone or something, or handling some affair. The upper trigram is K'un, the mother, and the lower is Tui, the youngest daughter. The mother guides and advises the daughter in a kindly but firm manner; the girl should listen carefully and obey her mother's words, which result from her wisdom and experience. The 2 yang lines at the bottom indicate vitality, growth, hope for achievement: spring approaches and things are beginning to grow. This is time for good fortune. When the 8th month comes, however, we can expect the approach of autumn, when everything declines: a time of misfortune.

THE JUDGMENT : Approach. Great success. It is of benefit to continue. When the 8th month arrives, then there will be misfortune.

THE SYMBOL : The earth above the lake symbolizes Approach. The superior man's will for instruction has no limit. He is boundless in his support and protection of the people.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Approach with sincerity. To continue brings good fortune.

Cooperation and intelligence at work will lead to a high promotion. Students can expect to pass an exam and gain recognition. Whatever you do, you should approach a worthy person to help you achieve your goal.

Nine in the 2nd place : To approach with sincerity brings good fortune. It is beneficial for everything.

Cheerfulness will bring benefits in your career. In your work you are apt to help a good man avoid an evil one and thus may gain a high position. Student can expect advance without trouble.

Six in the 3rd place : Cheerful approach does not benefit further. If one fears regret, no blame.

This is a time of sadness, worry, and bitterness. Do not engage in gossip where you work. In school you are likely to be busy, but you should refrain from flightiness and flattery.

Six in the 4th place : Complete approach brings no blame.

One will be in harmony with society and achieves one's undertaking, but be careful in the beginning. Working people will get help from their friends; students will have a chance for glory.

Six in the 5th place : To approach with wisdom is appropriate for a great duke. Good fortune.

People will achieve smoothly what they desire. Employed one will get high position, student can expect a good job.

Six at the top : Benevolent approach brings good fortune. No blame.

This line implies success and tranquil life for the individual.. If employed, one can expect to be asked to take an important job as an aide; if in school, one will get a degree.



20 KUAN OBSERVATION 觀 QUÁN

The upper trigram is Sun, wind, and the lower trigram, is K'un, earth or dust: the wind blows the dust everywhere. Business or achievement must be found elsewhere. The northeast is indicated by the upper nuclear trigram, Ken, which also means mountain, where it settles at a high altitude. Be patient and wait for your business to grow; eventually you'll be successful. Kuan indicates a suitable time for work, study or religious activities. It is also favorable for learning the art of meditation. With this hexagram you should strive to be a more careful observer and planner. This includes studying your surroundings and the conduct of the people around you. It also includes self-examination.

THE JUDGMENT : Observation. The hand-washing ritual is complete, but the sacrifice is still to come. All done and looked upon sincerity.

THE SYMBOL : The wind blowing over the art symbolizes observation. The ancient kings visited their territories, observed the people and gave instructions.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Childish observation. For inferior people, no blame. For superior people, humiliation.

Although activity is accelerated, results are slow in coming; in spite of skillful planning, there is still no success. Beware of betrayal by someone whom you trusted. Difficult conditions are in store for the employed person; the academic will find limited opportunity for advancement.

Six in the 2nd place : Observation thru the cracks of doors. Women benefit by perseverance. Now is a better time for action than quiet. Good fortune for a woman, bad for a man. A person may feel incapable in his job, and the student or scholar may have trouble writing. One feels suddenly happy, then suddenly sad.

Six in the 3rd place : Observation of the circumstances of our lives determines whether to advance or retreat.

Everything should be done with caution; avoid difficulty. One will both gain and lose. The employee will be promoted suddenly, then demoted. Student will be involved in disputes.

Six in the 4th place : Observation of the glory of the country. It is beneficial to exert influence as the guest of the leader.

One will benefit from traveling in business; one might be an honored guest in another city or country. The employed person will get an important job working as chief assistant. The student will pass his exams and gain recognition; he may get a fellowship for study or research abroad.

Nine in the 5th place : Observation of ourselves. No blame for the superior man.

People can expect to achieve their business goals and receive benefits. Those employed, this means high position and generous salaries, working for the good of society. Students can look forward to gaining valuable knowledge and winning degrees. Women will have children and the sick will recover.

Nine at the top : Observation of the lives of others. No blame for the superior man.

This is a time of discontent: obstacles will stand in the way of your plans. Employed people should consider resigning and working for themselves. Students and unemployed will find it difficult to improve their situations. But this is also a time for the sick to recover and women to give birth.



21 SHIH HO CHEWING 噬嗑 PHÊ HẠP

Shih Hi refers to many things: chewing, justice, quarreling, obstacles. Li, the upper trigram, means lightning and clarity' and Chen, the lower trigram means thunder and movement. Thus a person with a clear mind and much energy is indicated. Li also means fire and Chen, wood, and here they present the other meaning of fuel on the fire; people who quarrels because they are easily angered.

Hexagram 27 is shaped like an open mouth; Shih Ho resembles a mouth with something in it, the unbroken line in the 4th place. This may be words inside the mouth which must be spoken, indicating how quarrels begin. Or a piece of food may be the obstacle: one must chew forcefully in order to get nourishment . In this way indicates success thru hard work. Get this hexagram, will have trouble in the beginning. The first 3 lines indicate hard times, but then there is a breakthrough; the 4th and the 5th lines are good fortune. When you have reached a certain point in your success, however, you should stop or change your activity: the 6th line is misfortune. In marriage affairs, this points to a third person who comes between husband and wife. But patience will result in a happy ending.

THE JUDGMENT : Chewing : Success. It benefits to administer justice.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder and lightning symbolize chewing. The ancient kings made the laws and clarified the penalties.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : His feet are put in the stocks. It'll injure his toes. No blame.

Caution now can prevent such personal disaster as punishment, illness(perhaps rheumatism), losing one's job, or failing an exam.

Six in the 2nd place : Biting the skin, his nose is cut. No blame.

At this time one will have trouble trying either to advance or move back. A person may meet with gossip and there may also be sickness or injury for him or his family. At work, the arrogance of others will be frustrating and in school one should guard against being slandered and one can expect difficulty in passing exams.

Six in the 3rd place : By chewing dried salt meat one gets poisoned. Small humiliation but no blame.

Now it is difficult to succeed even in small things. Because of limited ability and knowledge one is in danger of failing at work or criticized in school.

A person should look for trouble or danger within his own group.

Nine in the 4th place : By chewing on dried gristle one gains golden arrows. Firmness and hard work benefit. Good fortune.

A time of benefits, recognition for the student, promotion for the employee and profit for the businessman.

Six in the 5th place : By chewing the dried meat one gains gold. To continue is dangerous. No blame.

Business will be profitable. At work you'll rid yourself of someone worthless. In school you can expect recognition. If sick, you'll recover.

Nine at the top : His neck is put in the wooden collar. His ears injured. Misfortune.

Beware of gossip, insults, conflicts, lawsuits. You may be in danger of losing your job. Be concerned also about trouble in the eyes and ears and poor circulation.



22 PI GRACEFULNESS (DECORATION) 賁 BÍ

This hexagram means gracefulness, decoration, and beauty. Ken, the upper trigram, denotes a mountain and the youngest son, the lower trigram, Li, is brightness, fire, sun, and the 2nd daughter

When the sun shines on the mountain in the evening, it lights up vividly the flowers and trees, valleys and cliffs, precious stones and metals rendering them all even more beautiful than usual. This idea of resplendent beauty is also indicated by the young man, Ken, and the young woman, Li, who together make a comely pair: vivacious, elegantly dressed, full of energy.

Those who receive this hexagram should beware. Although the sun is illuminating the mountain in all its splendor, it is evening and nightfall is near. Ornamentation is pleasing but is neither essential nor real, merely expensive. The next hexagram indicates what it may lead to : decay. Affairs should be attended to now, before darkness descends.

THE JUDGMENT : Gracefulness. Success. Small undertaking benefits.

THE SYMBOL : Fire illuminates the base of the mountain, symbolizing gracefulness. Thus the superior man clarifies ordinary affairs, but does not judge lawsuits.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : He decorates his toes and leaves the carriage. He would rather walk. Activity benefits but stagnation does not. One may have to travel a great deal to make a living, meeting many difficulties and being separated from his family. Be wary lest you lose your job or be expelled from school.

Six in the 2nd place : He decorates his beard.

Wait for a good opportunity and, with someone's help, you'll achieve success easily. In work this means a promotion. In school your success in writing will lead to recognition by an influential person.

Nine in the 3rd place : Decoration with moisture. If you continue you'll have good fortune. \With the help of others, the employed person will get a good position, the scholar will gain recognition, and people in general will achieve success. Gossip about you will not hurt.

Six in the 4th place : Simple decoration. A white horse comes as though flying. Not a robber but a suitor.

During this time there will be happiness in the midst of sadness, and safety even in danger. One meets with loss or opposition at first, but will finally achieve harmony or gain. It is a time for single people to get married. But if birth or zodiac unfavorable, one will mourn.

Six in the 5th place : Decoration in hills and gardens. A small roll of silk. Humiliation then good fortune.

Do not expect to be greatly successful, but to have good fortune in a small way. People with jobs can expect a raise and better working conditions . those with job will get them.

Nine at the top : Simple decoration. No blame.

One will be successful in a simple undertaking; a working man can expect to be promoted, a student to achieve his goal. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, expect a time of mourning.



23 PO DECAY 剝 BÁC

Decay, disintegration, and misfortune are all indicated by Po. The season it refers to is autumn, when the vegetation is decaying. The upper trigram, Ken, is mountain, the lower is K'un, is earth : one mountain standing alone on the earth is exposed to wind and rain and can be worn down by erosion and earthquakes. The shape of the hexagram resembles a building which has only its outside walls and roof. There is little to support it and nothing within. It will easily collapse. Po is unfavorable in many respects. It refers to the late evening, from 7 to 9, a time when people are resting. For business, a period of no activity is indicated; at this time one should be careful, work hard and wait for a more active period. Romantically, the hexagram portrays a man who has many girlfriends, five yin lines and one yang line. But if he is not careful he will soon lose his money, energy and girlfriends, and finally will collapse. For a woman this is the time of trouble and gossip. But remember that winter is always followed by spring, and nighttime by the dawn: the next hexagram is Fu, revival, but you must be patient and wait.

THE JUDGMENT : Decay. It is unfavorable to undertake anything.

THE SYMBOL : The mountain stands on the earth, symbolizing Decay. Those above should act with benevolence, toward those below. Then there will be peace and security.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : The legs of the bed are rotting. If one continues despite this : misfortune. This is a time of discord with relatives. One should also beware of trouble in the hands or feet. A person should wait for the proper time and opportunity for an undertaking in his work. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one is in danger of having poor health, losing property, and not being able to achieve anything. However this is a good time for constructing a building.

Six in the 2nd place : The frame of the bed is rotting. If one continues despite this : misfortune. People find it hard to carry out their plans because subordinates insult them and superiors are jealous. They should beware of demotion or dismissal. Student can expect difficulty in their projects.

Six in the 3rd place : Falling apart. No blame.

Life tends now to be stagnant: it is hard to find a good friend and there may be sadness caused by parents or spouse. But one had a chance to gain recognition because of a special skill, if employed may meet a great man.

Six in the 4th place : The entire bed rots, reaching the body. Misfortune.

One may meet danger, trouble, conflict, lawsuit or other difficulties. Beware of harm or slander in your job. If in school, you'll find it hard to win leniency.

Six in the 5th place : A string of fish. Favor comes through women of the palace. Everything is good fortune.

A time of success in one's undertaking and harmony with others, working people can expect a promotion to an important position. Women especially will receive money and good fortune. The academic will achieve recognition.

Six at the top : A large fruit not eaten. The superior man acquires a carriage. The inferior man house falls apart.

This is the time to observe laws and regulations carefully, and thus protect oneself from potential trouble. A businessman will achieve his undertakings (perhaps establishing a new installation), but he should be wary of insults from subordinates. The workingman can now gain more power. For student, recommendation, recognition and good friends.



24 FU RETURN - REVIVAL 復 PHỤC

Return or revival signifies a bad time becoming better. What seems cold, lonely, and desolate on the outside may be full of light and energy within. Such is the winter solstice : the weather is extremely cold and ice and snow are everywhere, but deep underground, warmth is beginning to grow and spread. The lower trigram (Chen), wood, here represents the roots within the earth, K'un, the upper trigram. The bottom yang line indicates energy, warmth and strength; for the present it is low and inside, but gradually it will rise to the top, bringing prosperity. It too is like the winter, which slowly but steadily flows into spring, when trees and grass sprout anew, and blossoms and flowers appear.

Receiving this hexagram should prepare for a great opportunity. In business, watch carefully: even it is slow now, it will soon improve. For first marriages this hexagram is not favorable, but it is for 2nd marriages or reunions after separation. If money is owed to you , it will be repaid. Success however, will not come immediately; you must prepare for it and not merely wait with empty hopes.

THE JUDGMENT : Return : Success. One goes out and comes back in without harm. Friends arrive without blame. Going to and fro is the way. Returning on the seventh day. It benefits one to go anywhere.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder in the earth symbolizes return. Thus in ancient times, the kings closed the roads during the winter solstice. Merchants and travelers ease traveling and rulers would not visit their territories.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Return from not far away. No remorse. Great good fortune.

This line indicates a time of profit from your undertakings. At work you can expect to hold a high position. Now is the time to be involved in cultural activities. If in school, you'll pass your exams and gain recognition.

Six in the 2nd place : Quiet return. Good fortune.

It benefits one to rely on an influential person. Even if one is in a dangerous position, he will be safe; if diseased, he will be cured; if fired, he will get his position back. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, a person may find it that he has to resign.

Six in the 3rd place : Frequent return. Danger. No blame.

This is a period of changeable conditions. Although one tries for quick results, the way is slow. One has many doubts and mistakes, and his job may often change. The student, however, will receive honors.

Six in the 4th place : One walks among others but returns by oneself.

Now is the time to better yourself. You have the chance to recover your job, or if in school, to gain recognition.

Six in the 5th place : Benevolent return. No remorse.

A person can expect to receive property, feet a promotion at work, or win honors in school. But he may still mourn; he should watch the health of his father.

Six at the top : Confusing return. Misfortune, disaster. If there is battle, there will be great defeat. The ruler of the nation will meet disaster, and it will be unable to attack for 10 years.

At this time, quietness ensures good fortune, but action leads to misfortune. By being too stubborn, you are in danger of appearing wrong. Even you are criticized at work, and ordered to leave, you'll remain. If in school, be prepared for insults and frustration.



25 WU WANG THE UNEXPECTED- THE INNOCENCE 无妄 VÔ VỌNG

Wu Wang indicates that everything should occur naturally, without ambition or design. One simply does what he should and does not calculate the results. It is much like plowing. The farmer plows in the spring even though he cannot predict how great the harvest will be in the autumn : storms, droughts or floods may come. When he encounters trouble or difficulty, he must adapt to the conditions, not struggle against them.

The upper trigram of Wu Wang is Ch'ien, which means heaven, father or leader; the lower trigram, Chen, means thunder, strength or eldest son. The season refers to is spring and the image is that of thunder under heaven : it is going to rain and you can neither help nor prevent it. The hexagram also indicates THAT THE YOUNG MAN(Chen) should obey his father(Ch'ien) or follow the direction of a leader ; this will result in good fortune.

Those who get this hexagram may get a great undertaking in the future.

THE JUDGMENT : The unexpected : sublime success. Benefit. Perseverance. Someone acts incorrectly : misfortune. No benefit for undertakings.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder rolls under heaven; everything is innocent. The ancient kings cultivated virtue and used the appropriate time to nourish all beings.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Innocent actions bring good fortune.

Profit for all. Harmony for the employee with those both above and below him. Recognition for student and scholar.

Six in the 2nd place : Do not count the harvest while planting, nor plow the field that lies in fallow. There is advantage in undertaking something.

People will gain fame, money and property. Those with jobs will be promoted, and students will pass their exams without difficulty. Profit for merchants.

Six in the 3rd place : An unexpected misfortune : the cow is tied up, and a passerby takes it. The passerby gains, the villagers are in trouble.

This is a time of good fortune for some: an employed person will be given an independent position as manager or foreman, a merchant will gain profit, and a farmer will increase his

property and stock. But others may suffer illness, loss of money, or entanglement in gossip. A student will find it hard to gain recognition.

Nine in the 4th place : If one carries on, no blame.

People will retain their property without loss. Those with jobs will manage their careers well, and students and scholars will be happy with their positions.

Nine in the 5th place : For an unexpected illness, use no medicine. Good fortune will follow.

This line indicates success in your plans. If you avoid difficulty, you'll have a good chance to advance. But even if you are entangled, the problem will resolve itself. It is a time to conceive children. The sick will recover quickly.

Nine at the top : Innocent actions bring disaster. No advantage.

If one can adapt to the changing situation, he can avoid disaster. If a person cannot handle his job he may lose it, and if a student does not know how to deal with society, he can expect to face humiliation.



26 TA CH'U TAMING THE GREAT POWERS 大畜 ĐẠI SỨC

Taming the great powers means the storing of great internal strength, knowledge and energy for a vast undertaking, and it implies a bright successful future. The lower trigram, Ch'ien, and the upper trigram, Chen, together suggest strength and energy within,, while, Ken, the upper trigram, has the attribute of stillness, indicating that the strength and energy are in storage for later use. But in addition to these spiritual qualities, Ken means mountain, standing for storage of material wealth. For upon and within a mountain one finds wild animals, trees, plants and precious metals. At the same time the mountain, being solid, has its own inner strength.

If you get this hexagram, it indicates that you have a great deal of work to do. You'll encounter difficulties, but you should endure to the end and not despair. If you meet troublesome or bad-tempered people, try to cultivate their friendship; later on they can help you.

Keep in mind that a farmer tames an unruly bull so that later it will pull a plow. If you want to get married but parents are opposing you, continue to try to win their approval; many people will help you and you will be successful in the end.

THE JUDGMENT : Taming the great powers. Persistence benefits. Not to eat at home is good fortune. It is of benefit to cross the great water.

THE SYMBOL : Heaven within the mountain symbolizes taming the great powers. The wise man studies the ancient knowledge to improve his character.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : When one meets danger, it is better to stop.

Now it is best to remain quiet and inactive, for disaster may follow action. If employed you should consider resigning; if in school, wait for an opportunity.

Nine in the 2nd place : The axletree separated from the wagon.

A time of retreat. You may succeed with the help of another, but be careful of your health and beware of losing something; at worst there may be disaster or gossip.

Nine in the 3rd place : Good horses compete with each other. It is of benefit to continue working hard and to keep the chariot safe. It is of benefit to go somewhere.

People will find favor with a superior or get help from their friends. Through hard works they'll achieve success. Those employed will get good jobs, while students will advance.

Six in the 4th place : The headboard restrains the young bull. Great good fortune.

You can expect to be promoted, pass your exams or receive property or animals.

Six in the 5th place : The boar has a tusk but is gelded. Good fortune.

People will have happiness, good fortune, and will achieve their goals. Employed people will be promoted, while students and scholars will gain high positions.

Nine at the top : One follows the way of heaven. Success.

One can expect success in everything he does. For an employee this mean a high promotion thru others recommendations. For student, it means recognition.



27 I NOURISHMENT 頤 DI

In several ways hexagram 27 suggests nourishment. The lower trigram, Chen, means wood and therefore trees, plants, herbs, and all the food and medicines derived from them. The upper trigram, Ken, means mountain on which nourishing things grow. Chen is also thunder, and the thunder rolling around the foot of the mountain suggests that soon rain will fall, watering the earth. The hexagram itself portrays an open mouth, the broken lines representing the teeth. The attributes of the two primary trigrams-stillness for Ken, and movement for Che, correspond to the workings of the upper and lower jaws, the upper is still, the lower moves. If both jaws work well together, then a person can chew even very tough food and thus get more nourishment , just as one can achieve success and benefits thru hard work. However, moderation in eating, as in other thing is necessary. The jaws functioning together also present an image of harmony in society.

In addition, I indicates the other function of the mouth, speech. Gossip and trouble can result from careless speech. The first, the second and 3rd line of the hexagram all point to misfortune , and even though the 4th and the 5th lines are good, you should watch what you say and be careful of danger.

For a young man this means that he has the energy to strive to advance in society. For old man it means rest and retirement; his energy has run out.

THE JUDGMENT : Nourishment. Continuing leads to good fortune. Observe the providing of nourishment, and the food someone seeks for himself.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder rolling around the foot of the mountain is the symbol of nourishment. The superior man is cautious in his speech; he restrains and regulates his eating and drinking.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : If you leave your divine tortoise and look at me with mouth drooling, there will be misfortune.

This line indicates possible disaster due to arrogance or conflict. One may encounter slander at work traceable to bribery, or one may be criticized in school for brazen behavior. A student however, will still have a chance for a fellowship or scholarship.

Six in the 2nd place : Seeking nourishment from the top, one strays from the path to the hill. To set forth leads to misfortune.

People will encounter both good and bad fortune. There may be gossip and poor health. Those employed must be cautious of being demoted. The student should be wary of being slandered. Six in the 3rd place : One turns away from nourishment. Continuing in this way will bring misfortune: no action for 10 years, no benefit or advantage.

Owing to misconduct there is a danger of encountering disaster, misfortune, or poor health. The employed person may face criticism and slander. The student risks the loss of his good reputation because of notoriety.

Six in the 4th place : Seeking nourishment from the top of the mountain brings good fortune. One stares like a starving tiger stalking its prey. No blame.

People will be helped by someone, leading to success in their goals. Those employed will have independent positions and be honored by their superiors; students and scholars will gain recognition. But if time is unfavorable, one will be liable to criticism, gossip or dismissal.

Six in the 5th place : One strays from the path. Remaining in the correct way brings good fortune. Do not cross the great water.

With another's help, one will succeed in his career and will achieve his goals. Students, however, will be able to find only menial positions. A trip by airplane or ship is not recommended at this time.

Nine at the top : Seeking the source of nourishment. Danger. Good fortune It is of benefit to cross the great water.

Everything bodes good fortune. People will have continued success and glory. For those employed, a high position and good income; for the academic, a great recognition.



28 TA KUO GREAT EXCESS 大過 DAI QUÁ

Ta Kuo indicates something extraordinary or excessive. Both the lower and upper nuclear trigrams are Ch'ien, strength, repeated twice, it means very great strength. Owing to that inner fortitude, those who get this hexagram can face danger without fear. They have ability and are capable of great undertakings, but there is also a tendency to be arrogant and aggressive.

Yui , the upper trigram, means water, lake and also broken; the lower trigram, Sun, means wood, tree , and a soft. Together they present the image of trees under water: a flood. The lines of the hexagram portrays a ridgepole, the highest beam supporting a roof. The two ends however, are weak(yin lines in the 1st and 6th positions), bent because they are unable to bear the weigh. This situation indicates that one's ambitions are greater than his abilities.

If a businessman gets this hexagram, he is likely to be over expanding his business and about to run short of money. He will also have disputes with his employees. For marriage affairs, this is unfavorable: it refers to an old man with a young girl, and a young man with an older woman. Although they loved each other deeply, they will not find happiness.

THE JUDGMENT : Great Excess. The ridgepole is crooked. It benefits no one to go anywhere. Success.

THE SYMBOL : The lake rising over the trees symbolizes great excess. The superior man, when isolated, is undisturbed. If he has to retreat from society, he feels no regret.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : To spread white rushes below leads to no blame.

At this time you have a chance to accumulate money through caution and economy. If a student, by diligently pursuing your studies, you can expect a good career. If you're employed, be assured that your position is secure. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there will be mourning.

Nine in the 2nd place : The withered polar tree sprouts new shoots. The old man marries a young wife. Everything is favorable.

One will marry, or if married, will have or adopt children; perhaps an older man and a young woman will be wed.

Although one loses his job, he can regain it, and a student, unhappy for long time, will have a new opportunity for advancement. Organizations will increase their membership.

Nine in the 3rd place : The ridgepole bent under pressure: misfortune.

During this time, be cautious at work or in school. There is a danger of being set back.

Nine in the 4th place : The ridgepole is strengthened; good fortune. But something else may cause humiliation.

A yielding manner will avoid trouble. At work you can expect an important position; in school you'll gain recognition. Expect to be involved in some form of construction.

Nine in the 5th place : A withered polar blossoms. An old woman gains a young husband: no blame, no praise.

Sadness grows from excessive happiness. At this time people may experience difficulty in their undertakings; some may not be able to continue on their jobs, and students will find it hard to gain recognition.

One should expect trouble from an old woman.

Six at the top : One walks thru the water and it goes over his head. Misfortune, no blame.

This line implies sadness and depression. If a person is employed, he should be careful not to arouse his employer's jealousy. For the student, however, six at the top means high recognition.



29 K'AN WATER 坎 KHĀM

This hexagram means danger, misfortune or entanglement in a difficult situation. The trigram K'an means water, one yang line in the middle surrounded by 2 yin lines indicates its attribute, danger. Here K'an is both the upper and lower trigram, which means there are many dangers in your environment. You should be both careful and patient; do not struggle with all the difficulties around you.

Those who receive this hexagram should beware of trickery or deceit and to be on guard against burglary and robbery. During this time they may be injured or become involved in a serious dispute. They may have a problem with alcohol. For women the hexagram indicates a time of menstrual problems.

A young man who wishes to marry for the 1st time will have difficulties. A young couple will encounter trouble: both partners will take other lovers, or financial problems will prevent their marriage. The hexagram is favorable, however, in exceptional cases, such as remarriage or

marriage later in life. For study or research it boded well, especially for religious studies and writings.

THE JUDGMENT : Water doubled(Danger). Sincerity leads to success(peacefulness) in your heart(and mind). You will succeed in your actions.

THE SYMBOL : Water flows increasingly into the depths, symbolizing water doubled. The superior man constantly preserves his virtue and practices his task of education.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Water flows repeatedly. One falls into the pit of water. Misfortune.

If you get this line, you should avoid excessive drinking. At work you are in danger of being reproved or demoted; if in school, you may be slandered or suspended. If you hold a high position, however, you may avoid the danger.

Nine in the 2nd place : There is danger in the abyss. One should work for small gain only.

This is a time of achieving small successes. If you're student, you can expect to pass your exams and perhaps even get a job. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you may experience personal difficulties or contract a stomach disease.

Six in the 3rd place : Water flows on and on. One is in the pit of the abyss. Danger. Do not act.

This line indicates difficulty and conflicts. If you're working, you should consider resigning; if you're in school keep studying and wait for an opportunity to show your proficiency.

Six in the 4th place : A jug of wine. Two bowls of food should be put into an earthen container and passed thru the window. There is no blame in the end.

A time for meeting a friend or getting married. For a working person, a sales position is likely; and although a student will encounter obstacles, he has a chance to become an assistant.

This is also a time, however, when one may be in mourning.

Nine in the 5th place : The water does not overflow its bound. The waves are calm. No blame.

People will achieve their goals smoothly and without endangering themselves. One now has a good chance to win a glamorous position in public relations, but even in a lesser job he will have success. A student can expect to get a minor job.

Six at the top : Tied with thick ropes, one is put in prison among thorn bushes. One cannot find the way for three years. Misfortune.

If you receive this line, avoid all entanglements, both physical and mental. Be cautious, or you'll be detained. Students can expect to pass their exams.



30 LI FIRE 離 LY

Both the upper and lower trigrams are Li, fire, sun, glory, brightness. A flame is not stable; it is always in motion. The hexagram signifies external conditions which are constantly changing, and internally it means a mind that is never fixed on anything or a person who is short-tempered, explosive, and full of fire.

Fire is an important element in many ways. Our bodies convert food into calories, or units of heat, and if we do not have enough of them we weaken. Those who get this hexagram should remember that if fire is misused or uncontrolled, it can cause disaster. They have plenty of energy and sharp, penetrating minds; if they applied their abilities carefully they will be

successful, but if they misuse them there will be trouble. The trigram Li also means the second or middle daughter, a young woman who is beautiful outside (the 2 yang lines) and devoted inside (the yin line). She is welcome in society, and if she uses her ability she will achieve success. In romantic affairs, Li indicates that both the man and woman are very passionate, but if they hesitate and contemplate for too long they cannot marry. In summer the hexagram is favorable, but in autumn it means misfortune and decline.

THE JUDGMENT : Fire. It is of benefit to continue. Success. To take care of the cow leads to good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Double brightness symbolizes Fire. A great man perpetuates the light and illuminates the four corners of the universe.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : The footsteps are confused. If one is cautious, no blame.

Avoid breaking the law. By being cautious the employed person can do his work smoothly, not crudely. The student should avoid error which can expose him to insult.

Everyone should watch his steps so that he does not injure his feet.

Six in the 2nd place : The yellow light of the sun indicates great good fortune.

This is a time of profit. Those employed will gain important positions, those in school will pass their exams and gain recognition.

Nine in the 3rd place : Under the light of setting sun, one sings without beating the pot, bemoaning one's old age. Misfortune.

Trouble arises from waning good fortune, from happiness comes sadness. If employed, you might retire; if in school you should avoid insult. Danger and difficulty will come again and again : misfortune.

Nine in the 4th place : It comes abruptly; it burns up; dies and is cast aside.

This line indicates that if one is arrogant, he can expect conflict with those both above and below him. Insolence in the student will lead to error. Beware of trouble arising from fighting or fire.

Six in the 5th place : A flood of tears, sighing, and sadness. Good fortune.

There may be suffering or mourning, but good fortune hides in misfortune. If you're a student or unemployed, you can expect difficulty in your undertakings. Do not expect recognition at this time. If you're employed, you are likely to resign, even if you have a high position.

Nine at the top : The king goes to fight. Victory. He kills the leader and captures the followers. No blame.

This is a lucky time. People will make profits, succeed in their careers, or do well in their exams. Undertakings now are favored. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one will be isolated.

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