

BOOK II HEXAGRAMS 31-64 下經 HẠ KINH



31 HSIEN ATTRACTION (STIMULATION) 咸 HÀM

Hsien, attraction, also means stimulation, affection, sensitivity. The upper trigram, Tui, means joyous or young woman, and the lower trigram, Ken, strength or young man. The energetic young man and the beautiful young woman are strongly attracted to each other, the man pleasing the woman with his courteous, deferring manner. This hexagram is quite favorable for marriage. If two young people are well matched they should get married, for the Judgment advises: To marry a girl is good fortune.

In business, Hsien indicates harmony between employer and employee and that there is enough capital and energy to keep the business running smoothly. It is a good time to expand and open new branches, just as after marriage the couple will have children. Not only the name of a hexagram but also the moving line gives a specific answer to a question.

THE JUDGMENT : Attraction. Success. To continue is of benefit. To marry a girl is good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : The lake on top of the mountain symbolizes attraction. With a humble manner, the superior man receives people.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Stimulation in the big toe.

If you get this line, you'll plan an undertaking, but if it is planned hastily, it will be difficult to carry out. If you're working, you may get a new job in your department, changing from a slow-paced position to a more exciting one. The correct course is to wait patiently for the proper time for an undertaking. Priests and monks can expect to travel far to preach.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Stimulation in the calves of the legs. Misfortune. Stillness invites good fortune.

One tends to be hurried and busy, but good fortune lies in quietude rather than activity. Employed people will find good fortune in their present jobs; if they're sent to work in another place, misfortune will result. Students and scholars will not advance.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Stimulation in the thighs. If he insists on following, he'll be humiliated.

This is the time to demonstrate intelligence. But at work one should still be wary of losing his present position, and although a student will pass his exams, he should not expect high grades.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : To carry on reaps good fortune; remorse disappears. If his mind is not quiet and his thoughts go back and forth, only his friends will follow his ideas.

This line indicates that a person's mind is constantly troubled and his ideas differ from those of his friends; thus only minor success is indicated. If one performs his duties competently, there will be a chance for promotion. A student, however, will find no recognition now and only small benefits.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Stimulation in the middle of the back. No remorse.

Conflict. Perhaps one's strong opinions at work will create discord. In school one can expect difficulty in carrying out his plans. Only small ventures will succeed.

Six at the top : Stimulation in the jaws and tongue.

If you're a student, the time is advantageous to enter a profession involving speech or commentary, such as the theater or journalism. If you work, you should be on guard against gossip and accusations.



32 HENG DURATION 恆 HANG

Heng, duration, continues the meaning of the preceding hexagram, Hsien, attraction. The upper trigram, Chen, means eldest son, thunder or hard wood; the lower trigram, Sun, means gentle, eldest daughter, or soft wood. Here they represent husband and wife in an enduring marriage. The married couple follows the example of the universe, in which the heavenly bodies possess duration: like the sun and moon they do not change their course.

In business this hexagram teaches perseverance. The 4<sup>th</sup> line says : No birds in the field. For a long time one is out of place. How can one get birds? Perseverance brings benefits and profits. If you are a student, you must continue to strive for knowledge and an academic degree.

THE JUDGMENT : Duration. Success. No blame. It benefits to continue. Going anywhere is advantageous.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder and wind symbolizes Duration. The superior man stands firm without changing direction.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : One seeks duration too insistently; to continue this brings misfortune. Nothing is of benefit.

If a person fails to be reconciled to his position in society, he'll be troubled by anxiety, never peaceful. At work one will be out of favor with his superior; at school one will lack

good friends who can help him. A slower pace of living and more time given to reflection, however, can prevent a breakdown.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Remorse vanishes.

A stable situation is now possible. At work one can maintain his position and, with caution, avoid failure, in school one has a chance for recognition.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : If he does not continue to improve his character, he'll be disgraced. Continuing not to improve, brings humiliation.

This is the time to be wary of insults, conflicts and lawsuits. Inflexibility at work and misconduct in school will bring misfortune.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : No birds in the field. For a long time one is out of place . How can one gets birds?

You should not expect success, even with heightened efforts. Rather, be wary of losing your present position.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Firmly instilling duration in one's character is good fortune for a woman, but not for a man.

Your misconduct is liable to lead to criticism or insult. Don't flatter influential people at work, and refrain from trickery in school.

Six at the top : Continuous agitation means misfortune.

During this time small successes are within reach, but not large undertakings. It is a busy period for those who work; they should not expect peace, but, rather, anxiety. For students, there may be scant recognition. It is also time when wives will be of little consolation to their husbands.



### 33 TUN RETREAT (WITHDRAWAL) 遯 ĐỘN

The essential connotations of Tun are retreat, retirement, and resignation; in military strategy it means the withdrawal of forces. Its lesson is that you should not try to contest an opponent directly, but rather compromise, or, if conditions are adverse, retreat or go into seclusion. The upper trigram, Ch'ien, means old man or leader, and the lower trigram, Ken, mountain or stillness; together they portray an old man into seclusion in the mountains. Thus Tun signifies a favorable time for an older person to retire from work, or for a leader to withdraw.

In business, those who get this hexagram are liable to suffer losses; they should consider closing down now before too much money is lost. This is not a good time to begin a new enterprise. During this period, however, certain businesses will be

successful, including theaters, restaurants, hotels, and entertainment businesses. The hexagram is not favorable for marriage.

The eminent scholar Chu-His(1130-1200), who lived during the Sung dynasty, at one time wishes to impeach the powerful and notorious premier, Han Tuo Chou. Before submitting his impeachment demand to the emperor, however, he consulted I Ching and got this hexagram. As a result, Chu His withdrew his demand, resigned from his post and devoted his life to teaching and writing. He later became the third sage of the Confucian school, after Confucius and Mencius.

THE JUDGMENT : Retreat. Success. To persist in small matters is of benefit.

THE SYMBOL : The mountain beneath the sky symbolizes retreat. The superior man keeps his distance from the inferior, Not with anger, but with dignity.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : The tail in retreat. Someone closely following. Danger. No undertakings.

People will encounter difficulties in action; they should, rather, maintain a peaceful demeanor and avoid disaster. Those employed should consider retiring if they feel something harmful happening to them. Students and scholars should continue their research, waiting for the correct time for undertakings.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : If his will is strong, like yellow ox hide, no one can dissuade him. One can expect conflict with friends or relatives and insults from subordinates, but one's own calm demeanor can prevent disaster. Now is the time to seek a position involving writing, speaking and criticism, such as that of news commentator. The student will pass exams and receive degrees. Farmers will add to their livestock.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Retreat with entanglement is dangerous and leads to illness. Take care of women and subordinates. Good fortune.

A person may meet with sickness, danger or threats, but, he will receive help from his wife or a new member of his family. Although one desires success and achievement or favors from his superior, he will encounter trouble instead. In school large projects cannot be achieved.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Voluntary retreat is good fortune for the superior man, but not for the inferior man.

Though you're helped by a woman or a subordinate, trouble is coming. You should consider resigning to avoid danger. If in school do not expect great opportunity now.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Appropriate retreat. To continue brings good fortune.

This line bodes good fortune. Those who work can expect promotions to better positions. Those in school will receive help from influential people.

Nine at the top : Retreat after success. Everything is favorable.

People can expect benefits from their enterprises; they will gain property and have good fortune in every way. Those with jobs, however may resign, while students should wait for a favorable time for an undertaking.



### 34 TA CHUANG GREAT POWER 大壯 ĐẠİ TRÁNG

Thunder, Chen, is in the sky, Ch'ien, representing great power. Chen, the upper trigram also stands for a horse or a young man, while, Ch'ien, the lower trigram signifies strength and movement; thus the hexagram also portrays a strong horse galloping with great force and speed, or a young man with much energy and eager for action. Favorable conditions are likely to contribute to the young man's success, but if his efforts are too forceful, or he overexerts himself, he will be the cause of disputes. The hexagram however, suggests a way to ensure good fortune: when the strong lines are in yielding positions (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) there is good fortune, but when they are in strong positions (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) there is misfortune. Yielding and compromise are the answer. Referring to marriage, the hexagram means that you should be patient and treat the opposite sex kindly. This brings success and harmony, but if you rush into marriage, you'll experience failure.

THE JUDGMENT : Great Power. It is of benefit to continue.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder in the sky above symbolizes Great Power. The superior man's conduct does not oppose the rules.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Power in the toes. Actions lead to misfortune. This is true.

Decisive action now is liable to bring conflicts and lawsuits, humiliation and remorse.

Gossiping or evil actions will bring insult for the employee, and if the student tries to advance by taking advantage of a situation, he'll be humiliated.

One should be on guard for foot trouble.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Persistence brings good fortune. It (the 2<sup>nd</sup> line) is the center (the middle way).

This line implies that you'll be able to achieve your goal. Working people can expect high promotions, while students will gain recognition.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The inferior man uses his power, while the superior man does not. The goat butts against a hedge, entangling its horns. To continue is dangerous.

The essence of the third line is disaster from which escape will be difficult. Watch out for troubles, obstacles, conflicts, lawsuits; this may also be a time of punishment or mourning.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Persistence brings good fortune. And remorse vanishes. The hedge opens and entanglements vanish. Powerful as the axle of the big cart.

Activity will follow a long quiet period, bringing good fortune for the individual.

Unemployed people will get job, and students will succeed in their projects and pass their exams with high grades.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : He carelessly loses the goat. No remorse.

One is not able to achieve one's plans; no benefit. A serious time for the sick. One should overcome his cowardice at work to avoid failure. In school the student should not expect recognition now.

Six at the top : A goat butts against the hedge. It cannot advance or retreat; nothing furthers. If one continues to work thru the difficulties, there is good fortune.

If you get this line, cease all arrogant behavior, otherwise it will cause you trouble. You may lose your position at work or encounter difficulties in school. You may be entangled in conflicts or lawsuits.



35 CHIN PROGRESS 晉 TÁN

The two trigrams of Chin depict the sun(Li) rising above the earth(K'un) at dawn, a time of beginnings. The bright sun stands for all that holds promise or hope for the future, such as a new business or a young man. For business this hexagram means increase and growth: your enterprises can reach a high level of success, as the sun ascends brightly at noon. It is also favorable for anyone seeking job. If employed, you'll be promoted, perhaps to manager of a new branch.

Chin also indicates a separation from relatives and friends, perhaps even leaving your homeland. After this period of separation, however, you'll be reunited with those you left. Chin is favorable for marriage and establishing a new home and family.

In certain cases the hexagram is not favorable. When your business expands rapidly, you'll be rushed and trouble will develop. The phrase in the 6<sup>th</sup> line, "to chastise his own city", indicates a dispute within a company, political party, or society group: the leader will argue with members or employees. The line also indicates however, that dealing with these problems carefully and patiently will bring good fortune.

THE JUDGMENT : The marquis K'ang(rich, powerful, healthy) is bestowed with many horses by the king, who receives him three times in a single day.

THE SYMBOL : The sun rising above the earth is the symbol of progress. Thus the superior man brightens his character.

#### THE LINES

Six at the bottom : When progress meets obstruction, persistence brings good fortune. If one lacks the trust of others, one should remain benevolent. No blame.

This is a time of both happiness and sadness. Lead a quiet life, for misfortune will follow an undertaking. At work one should look out for slander. In school, if one fails to win the confidence of his mentor, he'll not achieve his goal. At this time, a person should not expect the trust of his neighbor.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : When progress comes with sadness, persistence brings good fortune. He receives good fortune from the Queen mother.

It suggests that a man can expect help from his wife in achieving his goals. It also indicates that people will work under wise supervisors, and that students, though frustrated in the beginning, will find harmony later.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : When the majority assents, remorse vanishes.

People can expect help from their friends to achieve their goals. Those employed will be promoted, and students will gain recognition and find jobs. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one should expect loss and mourning.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : When progress is like a hamster, to continue bring danger.

A time of conflicts and lawsuits. At work take care to avoid difficulties due to slander.

This is not the time for student to seek a job.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Remorse vanishes. One should not mind gain or loss. To act brings good fortune and benefit in everything.

Receiving this line will profit from his undertakings. If he has a job he can expect promotion; if in school he will win recognition.

Six at the top : Progressing to the horns. It is only in order to chastise his own city.

Awareness of danger brings fortune and no blame. To continue brings humiliation.

At this time you can expect your income to increase. Students will find jobs but no recognition. You may become involved in building or repairing a house. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there will be conflict or fighting.



**36 MING I DARKENING OF THE LIGHT – THE DARKENED LIGHT**

**明夷 MINH DI**

In this hexagram the earth, K'un, is above the sun, Li, meaning that it is night and darkness is everywhere. This is time to restore your energy and wait patiently for the dawn. It is also a period of evil conditions.

If you get this hexagram, you should be patient even in the midst of danger. It is a dark time and you should hide your wisdom; even if you have ability or knowledge, nobody will recognize it. Activity now will cause you difficulty or makes others jealous. You should expand your knowledge thru study and research, and when the right time(dawn) comes you will be successful. Ming I bodes ill for legal marriages, but it is favorable for love affairs and common-law unions.

THE JUDGMENT : Darkening of the light. It benefits one to carry on through hard times.

THE SYMBOL : The sun sinking under the earth symbolizes the darkening of the light.

In approaching the people the superior man veils his brightness, yet still has a glory.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : The darkened light flies and droops its wings. The superior man fasts for 3 days during his wanderings His hosts speak of him with derision. He leaves to go to some place.

This is a mixed time: one should beware of disaster, of being injured in the foot or hand, or of being harmed by a bad leader; but one can also expect honor or a promotion at work, perhaps to the position of an important assistant, and recognition. A student will pass his exams in school. If birth time and zodiac favorable one may receive a car or a horse.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The darkened light injures his left thigh, but he is saved by a strong horse. Good fortune.

If you get this line, you are likely to move up to a powerful position at work; if still in school, you can gain great recognition by passing your exams.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place :The southern expedition of the darkened light captured the leader. Act without rushing. Continue.

Conflict is indicated by the nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A person may travel to a remote place in his work, while a student can expect sadness and anger. One should be aware of trouble in the hands.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : He penetrates the left belly(an inner place) and wins the heart(confidence) of the darkened light. Then he gets the chance to fly away from the courtyard .

People can expect to succeed with the help of others. Those who are working may be transferred to another place; those who are isolated will gain success and recognition. Women are likely to bear sons. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable one should look out for trouble in the stomach.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The darkened light of prince Chi. Continuance benefits.

This is a time of difficulty both for oneself and for one's family, but success will not be found in another place or country. Being thrifty however, will help working people avoid difficult conditions. Both students and the unemployed should not expect to meet a good friend now.

Six at the top : Not light, but shadows. First he ascended to the sky, and later plunged into the earth.

After initial success, one should expect obstacles. At work one should beware of being reproached and losing his job; in school one must beware of failure. Aged persons should take care of their health.



37 CHIA JEN THE FAMILY 家人 GIA NHON

Chia Jen represents the family, and it indicates a time for the members to be mindful of their responsibilities to each other. In ancient China the family was highly organized, a small, self-contained society in which each member had special duties. The husband took care of external matters, working in the community. The wife, however, was even more important., for her charge was running the household, the internal affairs.

This family is indicated by the hexagram in several ways. The two primary trigrams are Sun and Li, the eldest and middle daughters, demonstrating the importance of women in the family. Li also is fire, and the woman, Sun, kept watch over the household so fire would not go out. In addition, each line represents a member of the family; the yang lines are male members, the yin lines are female members.

The hexagram advises you to cooperate with the other members of your family.. In addition, you should coordinate with others in the social organizations you belong to, and in your work apply yourself consistently with your colleagues to achieve a common goal. For marriage, Chia Jen indicates success. The husband (lines 3 and 5) are

yielding lines in strong positions, and the wives (lines 2 and 4) are yielding lines in yielding positions. This is a time of harmonious, child producing marriages.

THE JUDGMENT : The family. A woman's perseverance benefits.

THE SYMBOL : The wind coming out of the fire symbolizes the family. The speech of the superior man should have substance, and his conduct be enduring.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : He sets up a rule for his family. Remorse disappears.

People can expect success in their plans. Those employed will receive good promotions or get important jobs; students and scholars will do well in their work or examinations.

The single person is likely to get married.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Her duties are to keep the household and prepare the food; she should not pursue her fancies. Persistence leads to good fortune.

During this time people will enjoy success and an increase in their property. At work one can expect to be honored and receive an important post. In school one will likely to win a scholarship.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : If the members of the family are severe toward each other, there will be seriousness but good fortune. When women and children are silly, there will be regret in the end.

Avoid moodiness and bad habits. If you work, be conscientious and generous; if in school, do not become involved in a mediocre project, for it will not succeed.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : One makes the family prosperous. Great good fortune.

This is a time to expect an increase in income and a promotion. In school, you'll gain recognition. Even if you are lonely now, you'll become popular.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The king extends his love to the family(country) without worry. Good fortune.

Many people will receive help from influential benefactors. At work one can expect to be promoted and recognized. There may be an occasion for mourning, however.

Nine at the top : Sincerity and dignity bring good fortune.

You can expect to achieve your goals. An employee is apt to get a powerful and important post; and a student will gain recognition. At this time women are likely to rise in stature in society.



38 K'UEI OPPOSITION 睽 KHUÊ

It means opposition, fighting or contradiction. The upper trigram is Li, fire, while the lower primary trigram is Tui, lake, water, metal. According to their natures, fire burns upward, water flows downward; fire evaporates water, water puts out fire. They oppose each other and cannot exist together. The nuclear trigrams present this same situation: K'an, water, and Li, fire. No harmony is to be found in K'uei.

Those receiving this hexagram will not get along with friends or family; their suspicions lead them to oppose and contradict others. There are always meeting the wrong people in society( the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lines) or encountering the wrong things in life(first and top line). If these things happen to you, you should change your attitude and treat others generously. Your change will turn misfortune into good fortune.

The hexagram is not favorable for business. Even if conditions seem favorable, the time is not good for you. Maintain the present state of your business and do not expand; if you have a new plan, wait for a more favorable time before attempting it.

For marital affairs K'uei means that it is better to proceed cautiously and not to rush into anything; under the present conditions you'll have many disputes. In love affair a triangle relationship of 2 women and one man is indicated by the upper nuclear trigram, K'an, a man, and the two women, Li and Tui, above and below him.

THE JUDGMENT : Opposition. In small things good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Fire above the lake symbolizes opposition, Living with the people, the superior man distinguishes among them .

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Remorse vanishes. If one loses a horse, one should not look for it; it will return by itself. Even if one sees evil man, no blame.

This line indicates discord in the beginning but harmony later. After first losing, people will regain. One may be set back at work but a promotion will come later. An unemployed person, however, can expect to find a job now. A student will achieve his goals slowly with little help from friends.

If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, a city dweller's pet or a farmer's livestock will meet disaster.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : One meets his superior in an alley. No blame.

With the help of friends you can expect to carry out your undertakings successfully. The employed person, under a wise superior, will receive a promotion and the student will pass his exams.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : When the ox stopped, the cart moved back. He sees a man whose hair and nose have been cut off. Misfortune in the beginning, good fortune later.

Confusion in the beginning but order later; people will meet obstacles in their undertakings, but they find safety in spite of dangerous conditions. At work one should be cautious of gossip; in school, great recognition will come after difficulty. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one may be injured or have troubles with relatives.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Isolated owing to opposition, he meets a strong man and they associate sincerely. Even though there is danger, no blame.

Obstacles in the beginning, smoothness in the end; you'll find safety even in a dangerous situation. Recommendations from friends will help the unemployed get jobs; the student will receive help from his professor. Unmarried people can expect to get married.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Remorse vanishes. The member of the clan bites the skin. Going. No blame.

You're likely to benefit from your undertakings and from help received from friends. Those employed will get promoted, and students will pass their exams and gain recognition. The unmarried person will likely to get married. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you may not get along with friends and relatives, and there may be even be injury and lawsuits.

Nine at the top : Isolated due to opposition, one sees a dirty pig by the roadside, and many devils in a cart. First he draws the bow against him, then he puts it down. He is not a robber, he will propose marriage. If he meets the rainfall, there will be good fortune.

A loss in the beginning, but profits and benefits later. One should watch out for gossip, slander, and hate, especially at work. In school things will be confusing at first, but all will go smoothly later.



39 CHINE OBSTRUCTION 蹇 KIEN

Chien implies difficulty or danger. Water, K'an the upper trigram, is on the mountain, Ken, the lower trigram, representing a waterfall which carries great force and can easily cause damage. The hexagram also represents a rapid, rocky stream which is difficult to cross. In ancient China the upper part of the Yantze river, flowing from the mountainous region of Szechwan province, represented great danger; even in modern times, boats have been wrecked on the rocks. According to the judgment, the southwest is a

favorable place. This refers to K'un, the earth or the plain. Here the river is less dangerous and of benefit to the people thru its irrigation of the land and usefulness in navigation. Ken, the mountain, is the northeast referred to in the judgment, that which does not benefit.

The period between Winter and spring is also represented by the hexagram: K'an means winter, Ken early spring. It is a very cold period, and the danger of frostbite is indicated by the combination of Ken, which can also mean leg, and K'an, icy water. It is not a good time for movement but a time of waiting for the season to change. If you get this hexagram you should not undertake anything; if you must travel, the southeast is the favorable direction. This is not a good time for marriage. A woman will be pursued by 2 men, Ken and K'an and a man will have rivals.

THE JUDGMENT : Obstruction. The southwest is of benefit. The northeast, no benefit. It benefits one to visit a great man. To continue brings good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Water on the mountain symbolizes obstruction. The superior man reexamines himself and improves his character.

#### THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Going leads to obstruction. Coming brings praise.

People should remain in their present positions. Those with jobs will receive rewards and honor, but promotion will come later. A student should wait for a more favorable time before undertaking a project.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The king's officer meets many obstructions. It is not his fault.

One is liable to encounter difficulty, danger, and obstacles and may also be troubled with poor health. Employed people should devote their time and abilities to their work. A student should not expect to find an opportunity to carry his project.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Going leads to obstruction. Therefore he returns, he will be happy.

Caution will prevent loss or injury. If you work you can expect to be offered an important job; if in school you'll pass your exams. This is a good time to get married.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Going leads to obstruction. Coming brings about unity.

Beware of becoming entangled in conflicts and lawsuits, for they could create much trouble. If you continue to be diligent at work, you're likely to be promoted. If you are in school, you can expect to receive recognition and then a good job.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : One meets great obstruction. Friends come.

You can expect help in your undertakings and good fortune in everything. Those who work will get a better job, while students will either pass their exams or do advance study.

Six at the top : Going leads to obstruction. Coming brings great events. Good fortune. It is beneficial to see a great man.

You're likely to progress with the help of a prominent person. An employed person will be of important assistance to the leader. Recognition is in the store for the academic.



40 HsIEH LIBERATION 解 GIÀi

Hsieh signifies deliverance or liberation from the obstruction represented by the preceding hexagram, Chien. The upper trigram, Chen, means thunder and spring; the lower trigram, K'an, water or ice and winter. Together they present the image of springtime, when the first thunder wakes creatures from hibernation, and the ice melts and water is free to flow again.

You can expect to be released from difficult conditions now or have complicated problems resolved. For business it is the time of expansion and growth, just as the trees and grass flourish in the spring. Chen is also the period from five to seven in the morning, when work is beginning: if you're looking for a job, you'll find direction; there you'll get along well with people.

All of the lines of the hexagram are good fortune, except the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which says: to continue brings humiliation. This means that if you encounter difficulties or obstructions, it is best to leave the situation and take a trip; to continue in difficulty only worsens it. When you return, the trouble is likely to be resolved. Hsieh is good for those about married but unfavorable for those already married.

THE JUDGMENT : Liberation. The southwest benefits. If there is nothing for one where one has to go, then returning brings good fortune. If there is something in a place where one can go, then going quickly leads to fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder and rain come, symbolizing Liberation. The superior man forgives errors and pardons criminals.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : No blame.

You can expect success in your undertakings. Your abilities suit your present job and you have a good chance for promotion; if in school, you'll pass an important test. If you're single, marriage is likely now.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : One catches three foxes in the field and gains a yellow(golden) arrow. To continue brings good fortune.

At this time working people are apt to get important positions, and students will continue to pass their exams. A person who owns property or a farm can now expect to increase it; in addition, he may go on a hunting expedition in a distant place.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : A man carries goods in his back and rides in a carriage, this invites robbers to come. To continue brings humiliation.

One should be cautious and protect himself from theft or lawsuits. At work one should watch out for criticism and loss of his job. Students should not be lulled into carelessness by high recognition: disaster may follow.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Loosen your big toe. When your friend comes, you can trust each other.

At this time one should be cautious about associating with criminals or evil people. For the employee these associations might lead to disaster. They could harm the character of a student. Everyone should be on guard against personal loss.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Only the superior man can liberate himself from entanglement. Good fortune. Thus the inferior man trusts him

One can expect to make a profit, or, if a student, to gain recognition. What the working person does will have important consequences; he may be involved in exposing dishonest people. At this time a patient will recover, and a lawsuit will be won.

Six at the top : A duke shoots a hawk on the high wall and catches it. Everything is beneficial.

Many will benefit from their careers and receive promotions. Success is in store for those in the military and distinguished recognition for those in the academic world.

Perhaps you'll soon be involved in the repair of a building.



41 SUN DECREASE 損 TON

This hexagram means decrease, reduction, or loss. The upper trigram is Ken, the mountain, at the foot of which is the lake, Tui, the lower trigram. The mountain slowly crumbles in the water. This means a decrease in income or loss of money or property. Perhaps a gift, you give to someone will reduce your possessions. There is another side, however, if you give something away, very likely you'll be rewarded. The 3<sup>rd</sup> line implies that if you possess too much you'll lose some of it, but if you are lacking, someone will give you what you need. Applied to love affairs, it means a triangle relationship will be broken up and someone will be left alone. During this period, business investments will yield little profit, but a recession or decline now means prosperity and increase later. For the present, reduce your expenses. It is a good time for academic study or research. It is also a favorable time for marriage, and those already married will live harmoniously.

THE JUDGMENT : Decrease with sincerity, great fortune, no blame. One may continue. It is beneficial to go somewhere. How can this(Decrease with sincerity) be done? One may use two bamboo containers of grain or a sacrifice.

THE SYMBOL : The lake beside the mountain symbolizes decrease. The superior man curbs his indignation and restricts his desires.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : To go quickly after the work is done brings no blame. One should consider how much the decrease will be.

If a person budgets skillfully now, he'll gain a profit. One should expect to work for society rather than for himself. Students will pass their exams. Many will gain the approval of those over them. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one should be cautious of failure due to excessive drinking.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : To continue is beneficial. Undertakings bring misfortune. Without decrease, without increase.

At this time any improvement or planning for the future is likely to be difficult. If a person is careful and keeps his normal attitude, he can expect to maintain his present position at work or in school, but not to advance.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Three people walking together will lose one. When one walks alone, he will meet a friend.

This line indicates help from others. At work you can expect help from your colleagues; if in school, friends who share the same goal will help you achieve brilliant success. It also means that leaders of social and religious groups will gain more followers. Single people are likely to get married.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : If he decreases his sickness(or faults) quickly, he'll be happy. No blame.

Sadness now will develop into happiness, and you can expect to profit. The unemployed will find work, patients will get better, and a person who meets disaster will escape it. Good fortune for the student and scholar.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : He is enriched by 20 tortoises and he cannot refuse. Great good fortune.

A time of great benefit. Those employed will obtain assignment and gain high recognition. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one will mourn.

Nine at the top : If one increases(gains) without anyone decreasing(losing), no blame. To continue brings good fortune. It is beneficial to go somewhere else; one will find a helper after leaving home.

This line signifies a fortunate situation in which help comes from an important person; undertakings will benefit. At work, a person will gain his superior's favor and others' respect. Students and scholars can expect to fulfill their desires.



42 I INCREASE  ÍCH

I is the opposite of the preceding hexagram, Decrease, and it signifies an increase in benefits or advantages. The upper trigram, Sun, is the wind and eldest daughter and also means grass, flowers, small shrubs, and woody plants; the lower trigram, Chen, in addition to thunder and eldest son, means tree. Together Sun and Chen portray a richly foliated forest, or a vine curling around a tree, covering it with leaves and flowers. The vine is the wife who adorns her husband, the tree, and needs his height and support: together they produce children, increasing their family. Chen is also spring and Sun the period between spring and summer, times when flowers and trees blossom and crops grow for the benefit of humanity. An active period in business can now be expected: most of the lines signify good fortune and prosperity. When your income increases, however, you should be generous and never try to take advantage of other people. According to the sixth line, if a rich man is miserly and refuses to share his wealth, he will be attacked. It is a good time for marriage. Even if others advise against it, get married right away : do not hesitate.

THE JUDGMENT : Increase. It is of benefit to set forth. It is of benefit to cross the great water.

THE SYMBOL : Wind and thunder symbolize increase. When the superior man discovers good, he follows it. When he has errors, he corrects them

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : It is beneficial to undertake a great enterprise. Sublime good fortune. No blame.

This is a time of making great plans and succeeding magnificently. For employed people there will be promotions, and for students, success in exams and the chance to become masters in their fields, receiving acclaims.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Someone enriches him with twenty tortoises. He cannot refuse. Perpetual continuance brings good fortune. The king makes a presentation to God. Good fortune.

A person can expect to benefit from his enterprises and gain good fortune. If employed, he will receive a promotion; if in school, recognition.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : He is enriched by unfortunate affairs. No blame, if you are sincere and moderate in your conduct, and report to the officials for the record.

A time of benefit. Working people can expect added responsibilities and great success. Students, after winning recognition, are likely to launch new careers.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : If you're moderate in your conduct, people will follow you. It is beneficial to be dependent or move to a new place.

A person who receives this line can expect an important task at work, if he succeeds, he'll gain the favor of his superior. A student can expect recommendation from influential people. A person involved in a lawsuit will win it.

The time is now favorable for making repairs on property or for moving to a new location.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : If you're sincere and benevolent in your heart, without consulting, there will be great good fortune. People will trust your benevolent character.

You'll have many good opportunities and will benefit through your own efforts. An employed person can expect added responsibilities and a wise superior; a student will gain recognition. Priests and monks will move into roles of leadership.

Nine at the top : He benefits no one. Someone will attack him. His mind is not consistent. Misfortune.

Beware of jealousy and hatred. At work watch out for bribery. In school take care that competition does not lead to your being insulted. Caution now can prevent punishment, loss, and injury.



43 KUI DETERMINATION 夬 QUÁI

Kuai means determination, decision, or resolution. Tui, the lake, above Ch'ien, heaven, represents water which has risen to a high position and which can easily overflow or break through its barriers. Struggling against the flow of water will not prevent disaster, but channeling it will make it useful. So it is in life: you must decide how to deal with a situation before it reaches a dangerous point, or things will take their own course and overwhelm you.

This hexagram indicates a person who has an important position and ability but who tends to be arrogant, and thus is left alone. If he uses his ability in a good way, he can help society; if in an evil way, he can do a great deal of harm. The five yang lines mean that if he is a good man, people will support him; but if he is not, they'll oust him.

In business, Kuai means that you'll be successful: Tui and Ch'ien both mean gold, and the 2 nuclear trigrams are also Ch'ien. But along with success will come troubles and disputes. It is true that the 3 Ch'ien trigrams represent a great amount of energy, but still

one should avoid force: Tui, the upper trigram, also stands for the mouth, meaning that you should speak moderately. Explain and compromise.

The imbalance contained in the hexagram does not favor love affairs or marriage. Five yang lines and only one yin line mean that those married will argue constantly, and those not married will have many lovers but no harmony.

THE JUDGMENT : Determination. Someone is proud. In the king's court, and the king trusts him. If one exposes the truth, danger. It must be told to one's own people. Using force does not benefit. It does benefit to do something else.

THE SYMBOL : The lake ascends to heaven, symbolizing determination. The superior man distributes wealth below him, without displaying his favors.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Power in toes moving forward. If one goes and lack of ability, he makes a mistake.

Arrogance can cause trouble. At work, rudeness could lead to condemnation. If you're student, do not try to take advantage of others or to rely on luck instead of hard work, otherwise you'll have cause to regret.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : A cry of warning. One arms at night against the unexpected without fear.

During this period you may encounter fear, sadness, or danger. Watch out for thievery or robbery. But you'll be successful in your career; if in school or in the military, you'll receive recognition.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : To display too much strength in the face: misfortune. The superior man is determined. He walks alone through the rain. He gets wet. He is unhappy. No blame.

Good fortune for those who follow the correct way. Knowing the situation and dealing with it carefully bring peace; otherwise there will be conflicts and lawsuits.

At work, one may meet with difficulty and even harm dealing with people of evil intentions. In school students should cease complaining, for this creates disharmony.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : He injures his thighs. He walks with difficulty. If he were to follow like a sheep, remorse would vanish. People will not believe his words when they hear them.

Beware of conflicts, lawsuits or punishments and of skin, ear, or foot diseases. If you work, keep abreast of your job; if in school you should expect your project to fail, but you may still gain recognition by passing your exams.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Clinging weeds. Determination is necessary. Taking the middle path. No blame.

People will achieve their undertakings, though not without difficulty. A student who is only capable of small undertakings will find it hard to get a job. Employed person should

be cautious of evil people attempting to do him harm. The patient will recover and lawsuit will be won.

Six at the top : Without a cry. Misfortune in the end.

You'll have difficulty in a new undertaking; it is best to keep your original job. In school you should continue to study. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there will be punishment, conflict with relatives, or entanglements thru gossip.



44 KOU ENCOUNTERING 姤 CĀU

Kou signifies occasional or accidental meetings that lead to friendships. The hexagram also means that new situations will arise suddenly and unexpectedly.

The upper trigram, Ch'ien stands for heaven and also an old or strong man; the lower trigram, Sun, means wind, the eldest daughter, and penetration. The man meets a mature woman whose powers of penetration enables her to understand the needs of others; thus she knows how to handle men and deal with society. Marriage, however, is not favored by this hexagram. Five yang lines and one yin indicates a woman with many boyfriends: the wind blowing under heaven is fickle and whistles everywhere. But Kou is favorable for 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage or for people who wish to live together. According to the 6<sup>th</sup> line, the relationship will reach a certain point and then dissolve into embarrassment and humiliation; it is best to separate before discord sets in.

The hexagram is good for short term and seasonal business; entertainment enterprises will be also profitable.

THE JUDGMENT : Encountering. The female is forceful. One should not marry her.

THE SYMBOL : The wind under the sky symbolizes encountering. The ruler issues his directives, announcing them to the four corners ( throughout his country )

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : The cart is held in check by a metal brake. To continue is good fortune. If one goes somewhere, one meets misfortune. The lean pig that wriggles does not go any farther.

Be on guard against a lawsuit, sickness or sorrow. At work you may face demotion; in school, do not expect a chance to advance. You may receive assistance however, from an influential friend or acquaintance.

This is a propitious time for a woman to give birth.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : There is a fish in the kitchen. No blame, but there is no benefit to the guest.

This is a time to expect benefits and assistance, and for women it is a time of conceiving children. People who work may receive awards or promotions. For students, however, it is not a good period: they are liable to have few friends and no opportunity to advance.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : He loses skin on his thighs and walk with difficulty. Danger. No great mistakes.

A time of disaster and punishment. If you work, you should consider resigning; you may lose your present position in any case. Student, you can expect to pass your exams and receive recognition.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : No fish in the kitchen. That brings misfortune.

This line indicates gossip, conflicts, lawsuits. At work, one should watch out for blame or loss his job; in school beware of insults. An old man's health may decline.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The melon lies under the meddler tree. The glory is hidden. Something blessing comes down from heaven.

One will be helped by an important person, with surprising results. Women will conceive children; working people showing great abilities, will be given additional responsibilities; and students showing much improvement, will gain recognition. But the old man's health will be poor.

Nine at the top : Encountering on the horns. Humiliation, but no mistake.

Undertakings now will be difficult: one will be more independent but will lacks support. At work, one can expect to have a position as chief assistant. For students, it is a time of success.



45 TS'UI GATHERING 萃 TUI

This hexagram depicts a large number of people gathering together joyously in celebration, such as at a party, a convention, or a place of worship.

The upper trigram, Tui, the lake, is over K'un, the earth; the lake is where streams collect. Ts'ui is related to hexagram 8, Pi, union, which also represents water on earth. That water, however, is free to go anywhere, while in Ts'ui water has limits: if the lake becomes too full and overflows, disaster may result. The symbol relates how the superior man deals with this kind of unexpected situation: he keeps his force prepared. Ts'ui is a good hexagram for business: a large gathering of people means a good market for your product. But be prepared for the disaster and overexcitement that can

result from a crowd as from the overflowing of the lake. Calmness will ensure your good fortune.

Marriage is favored now. But people who are living together only temporarily should beware; joy and happiness now mean sadness and regret later.

THE JUDGMENT : Gathering. Success. The king attends the temple. It is of benefit to see the great man; this leads to success. Continuance benefits. Offering a great sacrifice leads to good fortune. It benefits one to go somewhere.

THE SYMBOL : The lake on the earth symbolizes Gathering. The superior man keeps his weapons prepared, to meet the unexpected.

#### THE LINES

Six at the bottom : In the beginning sincerity, later change. Disorder and gathering alternates. If you cry out, after grasping someone's hands you will smile again. No fear. Go with no blame.

Caution is indicated. There will be misfortune in the beginning, good fortune later. This means difficult conditions for the students. The worker may lose his job. One may be falsely accused.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : If you are introduced to something' good fortune. No blame. If you're sincere, even a simple offering will be blessed.

You can expect to profit from your undertakings, and with the help of a good person your goals will come within reach. A recommendation will gain a promotion, for the employed person while the scholar will obtain a job thru the aid of his superior.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Gathering with deep sighs. No benefit for an undertaking. Go with no blame. Slight humiliation.

This is a time of discord in the family, harm to relatives, and poor health for old men. For students, it is a stagnant period, but working people have a chance to get a position in another section or branch of the business.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Great good fortune. No blame. ( but the position is not correct). Incorrect behavior breeds trouble. At work, avoid gossip and jealousy; perhaps you should give up some of your responsibilities or even resign. Students do not expect your project to succeed now.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : If one has position, people will gather. No blame. If he does not have the trust of all, he should perpetuate his magnanimity. Remorse will vanish. A time of disharmony with others and obstacles in one's undertakings. At work, alack of trust from others could lead to failure to achieve a goal. In school unethical behavior could prevent the completion of one's studies.

Six at the top : Lamentation and deep sighing, with tears from the eyes and dribbling from the nose. No blame.

Do not expect profit, recognition, or benefit now. At work it is a time of disturbances and little stability, in school a time of sadness and remorse. Be careful now of your health.



46 SHENG ASCENDING 升 THĂNG

The hexagram Sheng means ascending, promotion or expansion. K'un, the earth, is above, Sun, wood, is below. Sun here represents the trees and grass, rooted in the earth, growing higher and higher. Sun is also refers to late spring, a time of rapid growth.

According to this hexagram, business will prosper like the growing tress that blossom and then bear fruit. One's effort should continue, however, despite success, and growth should occur gradually, not suddenly. Also one should not become arrogant or proud as business improves and expands; nor should one let these favorable conditions lead to carelessness, laziness, or over aggressiveness. Unless one is cautious, misfortune can easily arise from good fortune.

Sheng is favorable for marriage. If already married, you'll have children. An older person should care for his health; moderate exercise is beneficial. If you're seeking more business or want to embark on a new undertaking, the south is a favorable direction and the help of an influential person will ensure your success. If you're an employee, you can expect a promotion soon.

THE JUDGMENT : Ascending. Great success.

One should see a great man. Without fear. An expedition to the south leads to good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : The wood grows in the earth, symbolizing ascending. The superior man devotes his virtue to building things up from the small and the high and great.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Confident ascending. Great good fortune.

Indications are that you'll be able to achieve the goal of your undertaking. Those employed will win promotions, and students will receive recommendations and gain the position they seek.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : If you are sincere, a summer offering is beneficial. No blame.

This line indicates good luck: the sick person will recover, the employee will get promoted, and the student will get recognition. At this time one may enter religious world. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there will be mourning.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Ascending to a deserted city.

Many will succeed in their careers: the employed person will be promoted or be asked to manage a large business, and the student will win honors. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one is likely to mourn.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The king makes an offering on Mount Chi. Good fortune. No regret. Now is the time to benefit from the mountains, rivers and forests; perhaps you should take a trip. This line indicates a favorable period. At work you can expect a promotion; if in school you may be the honored guest of an important person.

In the field of religion, you'll find benefit in the ceremonies of worship.

But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you may attend a funeral.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Continuing brings good fortune. Ascend step by step.

People can expect to achieve their goals. The employed person will get a promotion.

The academic is ensured of a fine career.

Six at the top : Ascending in ignorance; it is still beneficial to continue unceasingly.

Beware of uncontrolled desires, or you'll suffer. If you work, you're likely to resign. If in school, the prospects are good that you'll enter research.

If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you'll have poor health.



47 K'UN OPPRESSION 困 KHÓN

The Chinese character for K'un depicts wood enclosed on all four sides. This indicates difficulty in growth or movement and obstructions everywhere. Thus the hexagram signifies difficulty, poverty, obstruction or oppression. The upper trigram, Tui, means lake, quarrel, or something broken; the lower, K'an, means water, danger or sadness./ The water is at the bottom of the lake, which is drying up, and the fish, plants and other animals are dying for lack of water.

K'un is one of the four danger hexagrams of the I Ching. All six lines indicate misfortune. But you need not lose heart; keep your head and deals cautiously with all situations. Chinese philosophy advises that when you encounter extreme difficulty, you should make a change; perhaps this means moving to another place or changing your career or business. Then things will improve; the sixth line says: If he feels regret, then set forth- good fortune.

The hexagram is not favorable for marriage. A young girl may form a relationship with a married man, and from this nothing good can come. The hexagram also warns that excessive use of liquor will cause sickness in the stomach. There will be good fortune for those who study or do research, and this is an especially good time for religious activities and study. But it is unfavorable for an old man; he should retire and live in seclusion

THE JUDGMENT : Oppression. Success. Persistence. Good fortune for the great man. No blame. If one indicates with word only, no one will believe.

THE SYMBOL : The lake with no water symbolizes oppression. The superior man would give up his life to achieve his purposes.

#### THE LINES

Six at the bottom : His bottom is oppressed by the bare tree. He enters a dark valley. For 3 years he sees no one.

This line indicates fear, sadness, or mourning. One should consider resigning or retiring. A student should wait for a better chance for his undertakings.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Oppressed by food and drink. The man in the red ceremonial robe comes. It is beneficial to sacrifice. It leads to misfortune to set forth. No blame. You can expect to profit from your activities and receive the help of an influential person. If working, you'll be promoted. A student will get a job, perhaps in the field of religion. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, activity will lead to misfortune, but inactivity to good fortune.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The man is oppressed by stone. He sits on thorn and thistles.

When he enters his home, he cannot find his wife. Misfortune.

One should be prepared to meet with insult or difficulty. If in school, one will pass an exam, but there may be trouble with one's spouse. If working, he may find a job in a big organization.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : He comes slowly, oppressed in a golden carriage.

Embarrassment, but good results in the end.

You'll meet obstacles in your activities but will also escape a dangerous situation. If you lose your job, you'll probably find another with more power but also more frustration. A businessman can expect to receive money or a car, but if it is a car, he'll have trouble with it. Students will pass their exams.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : His nose and feet suffer punishment, oppressed by the man in the red ceremonial robe. Joy comes gradually. It is beneficial to sacrifice.

You can expect to meet difficulties and obstructions in the beginning, but success and benefits later on. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there will be punishment, conflict or mourning.

Six at the top : Oppressed but vines, he moves uneasily and says, Movement brings regret. If he feels regret then set forth- good fortune.

Caution prevents threats and sadness. For the employee, it averts entanglements and punishment, for the academic, insult or demotion. The businessman will profit by a business trip.



48 CHING THE WELL 井 TÌNH

The upper trigram of Ching is K'an, which means water, and the lower trigram is Sun, wood. In ancient times, wells were lined with wood to prevent mud from mixing with the water, and wooden buckets were used to draw out the water. Sun also means long cord; this was tied to the bucket to raise or lower it. Water can be either beneficial or harmful to society. If the water is clear and cold, people will like to drink it, but if the well is old and dilapidated, the water will be dirty and no one will draw from it. It is the same with a declining business or a man who is not trustworthy: people will avoid them.

The lines in this hexagram speak of an old muddy well that the people no longer use. But repairing the well makes the water clear again, and the people return to use it; the lines turn to good fortune. Thus if others avoid you or your business, work to improve yourself or to rebuild the company. Improvements will attract people and bring prosperity. THE JUDGMENT : The well. The city might be moved; but not the well. It neither overflows or runs dry. People come and go, drawing from the well. The rope nearly reaches the water, but not quite; the jug breaks, misfortune.

THE SYMBOL : Water on wood symbolizes the well. The superior man inspires to work diligently, and advises them to help each other.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : No one drinks from a muddy well. Even animals do not come to an old well.

A time of obstacles. If you work, you should consider changing jobs. If you're in school, do not expect recognition now. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you may have poor health.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The well is like a valley(it is collapsed). The fish can be seen. The jug is old and it leaks.

One should be cautious now to avoid disaster. Working people should consider a vacation in order to get away from a tense situation; students should study and await the proper time for an enterprise.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The well has been cleared, but still no one drinks from it. This is sorrowful for me(the well), for others might draw from it. If the king is enlightened, he will use it for the benefit of all.

Now is the best time to keep customary life-style and not attempt any new enterprise. You're not likely to have good working conditions on your job, but for now you should accept this. If a student, you'll not find an opening out of school but should take the time

to cultivate yourself. If birth and zodiac unfavorable, the line warns of sadness and even disaster.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The well is being rebuilt. No blame.

This line suggests one may work as a farmer, repair his home, or prepare himself to make a living. At work, the employee should voice to his superior his ideas for improving the business. In school one should study the classics while awaiting a job opportunity.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The water of the well is clear and cool. People drink from it.

People will succeed in their undertakings and profit from them. Those employed will have the ability and position to gain respect in society, while students will achieve success and recognition and have the chance to get a job.

Six at the top : The well is clean, without a cover, there is confidence that water can be drawn. Great good fortune.

Sufficient money will be available for your expenses and what you plan will be achieved.

An employed person is blessed with ability and good record; he'll receive a high position. A scholar possesses ability and knowledge, and he'll be recognized.



49 KO REVOLUTION 革 CÁCH

Revolution is meant in the sense of reform, renewal, upheaval, or simply change. Both the primary and nuclear trigrams present situation of conflict. The upper trigram is Tui, the lake or water, and also the youngest daughter, while the lower trigram is Li, fire and the middle daughter. There is a fire in the lake, an impossible situation: either the fire will dry up the lake or the lake will put out the fire. Tui and Li also represent two girls living together who cannot get along and are always quarreling. Ch'ien the upper nuclear trigram, here represents metal; the lower nuclear trigram is Sun, wood.

According to the relationships among the five elements, metal destroys wood. Thus on both the inside and outside of Ko a change must be made. It is a time of revolution.

The hexagram indicates change in all sections of society. In politics, it refers to the form of government, in business to the organization of personnel at all levels, and in marriage it may mean divorce or remarriage. An individual who receives this hexagram can expect a change in career or location.

When change of this kind is necessary, it should be undertaken carefully and with the utmost sincerity; then there will be good chance of success.

THE JUDGMENT : Revolution. When the appropriate day comes, the people will believe in it. Great success. It is beneficial to continue. Remorse vanishes.

THE SYMBOL : Within the lake, fire, this symbolizes Revolution. The superior man makes a calendar, clearly arranging the seasons.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : To strengthen it , use yellow oxhide.

You should maintain your usual manner and not be overly ambitious or chase progress.

At work you'll be able to keep your position, but you should not seek promotion. If you are in school, prepare your studies carefully and do not depend on luck alone.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : When the right day for revolution arrives, start. Good fortune. No blame.

This line presages much good luck, with promotion for employed persons and recognition for students.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : To advance leads to misfortune. To continue leads to danger.

When the idea of revolution has been spoken publicly three times, the people will believe it.

A person can expect many disturbances. Carelessness at work may lead to disappointment and demotion. Failure in school means that one must try again.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Remorse vanishes. People believe him. Changing the government brings good fortune.

This indicates great good luck. The employed will receive a promotion immediately.

Many job opportunities will arise for the academic.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The great amn transforms himself like a tiger. Even before prediction by the oracle, people will believe him.

A man can expect a job, a scholarship, a promotion, or a new enterprise. But a woman will have no good fortune.

Six at the top : The superior man transforms himself like a leopard. The inferior man changes his attitude. To advance leads to misfortune. To remain and persist leads to good fortune.

If people obey the law and preserve order, they can avoid trouble. Those without jobs can expect to get them, but those with jobs are likely to resign. Students who write beautifully will be recognized for their efforts.



50 TING THE CALDRON 鼎 ĐINH

The broken line at the bottom of Ting represents the legs of the caldron, the lower nuclear trigram, Ch'ien is the metal out of which the caldron is made, the broken line in the middle of the upper trigram, Li, symbolizes the contents of the caldron, and the unbroken line at the top is the cover.

Ko, the preceding hexagram, means the removal of old material; Ting is involved in its transformation. The symbol of Ting is fire above and wood below. Sun, the lower trigram, also means wind; it blows the fire and makes it hotter. The fire boils the water (Tui, the upper nuclear trigram), changing its form from liquid to steam and changing raw food into a well-cooked, edible meal. The burning wood is transformed into ashes.

Since a caldron is used to prepare food, this hexagram also has the meaning of nourishment. The three legs of the caldron symbolize the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government, so the hexagram represents the governing power as well.

Those who receive this hexagram are destined to plan well in establishing a business. Ting also indicates a situation in which three people will be able to work in harmony. The top line indicates great success and good fortune.

THE JUDGMENT : The caldron. Great good fortune. Success.

THE SYMBOL : Fire above wood symbolizes the caldron. The superior man makes his destiny firm with a correct position.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : A caldron overturned by its legs, it is beneficial to clean out the stagnating matter. One takes a concubine to get a son. No blame.

Happiness arises from sadness, and with the help of another, one will succeed. For working people this means promotion; after a failure for students it means an initial setback followed by recognition. At this time a man may have a child by his mistress.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The caldron is filled with food. My associates are jealous, they cannot harm me. Good fortune.

Even though, a person profits from his business or performs his work carefully and well, he should still beware lest others harm or disturb him. At this time, a student will find it hard to get a position, though he has good education.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The handles of the caldron are changed. Its activity will be obstructed. The fat of the pheasant is not eaten. Once the rain comes, regret vanishes. Good fortune in the end.

This line indicates difficulty in the beginning, but later success.. Slander against you may deprive you of your job, but you'll find another. If in school, you should expect obstacles now whatever you do. But for old people this is a time of good fortune, and for young people success is predicted.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The legs of the caldron are split. The Duke's meal is spilled and his face turns red. Misfortune.

At this time a person is in danger of losing property or his job. If he does not already have a job, he'll find it hard to get one. One should also beware of physical injury, especially in the feet. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one is liable to have poor health.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The caldron has yellow handles and golden carrying rings of jade. Great good fortune. Benefit in everything.

You can expect to achieve your goals and find profit and security. Those without jobs will find them, and students, helped by recommendations, will find good opportunities. A working person should now consider retiring if he has advanced to that time of life. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you should guard against your poor health.



## 51 CHEN THUNDER (SHOCK) 震 CHĀN

Both the upper and lower trigrams of hexagram 51 are Chen, thunder, the eldest son, spring- thus the hexagram means thunder, arousing, threat, fear, or shaking. Great claps of thunder burst in the sky, waking creatures from their hibernation and causing fear and trembling. But after the thunder and the following rain have gone, the weather clears up again. It is the same in human affairs: even after a great fright, fear will pass, and one will be able to laugh once more.

The two Chen trigrams also represent a young man who has twice the normal amount of strength and energy. Just as the thunder arouses creatures in the spring, so he is able to stir people to great undertakings. Too much strength and movement, however, indicate a need for restraint and moderation. One should learn to pause or there may be trouble or injury. Most of the lines of the hexagram point to danger, shock or misfortune.

The hexagram Chen indicates benefit in a theater, broadcasting, sports or military career, but be very cautious, or there may be injury. It is not favorable for a first marriage: either people will gossip about you or you will quarrel with your betrothed. The two arousings, however, mean the hexagram is good for a second marriage. If you lose something, do not fret, you'll regain it. Have no fear of a crowd or riot. It is a good time to begin an enterprise in a new place.

THE JUDGMENT : Thunder. Success. Thunder comes. Ho Ho. Speaking and laughing Ha Ha. It shocks and terrifies for 100 miles, but one does not drop the spoon or chalice.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder doubles symbolizes shock. The superior man contemplates himself with fear and caution.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Thunder comes. Later there are smiles and happy words. Good fortune.

You may be threatened at first, but you'll find happiness and good luck later. If in school you can expect sudden recognition, perhaps leading to a job as a leader or manager .

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Thunder comes, causing danger. You will lose a great deal of your wealth, then climb nine hills without searching for it. After 7 days, you'll regain it.

At this time a person faces danger at work from gossip or intrigue. In school there will be confusion at the beginning of a project but success later. One should watch out for his health. Youths however, can expect to show their customary bravado.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Thunder comes, causing a terrified manner. But if one is cautious, one remains free of disaster.

As the line says, if you are cautious you can avoid disaster. If not, you can expect to be criticized at work for laziness and inability; in school the problem will be neglect of your studies.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Thunder causes mire.

Even with a humble manner, a person can achieve nothing during this time; at work or in school one can expect a setback. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one will be involved in trouble.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Thunder going back and forth brings danger. No great loss. Something remains to be achieved.

If you are working now, you are secure in your present job; if in school, you'll continue your studies. But still you have cause to worry: you may injure a foot or hand.

Six at the top : Thunder causes trembling and frightened looks. Undertaking- misfortune. It will not threaten your own body, but it might your neighbor. No blame.

There will be gossip about marriage.

By being careful and cautious, one will have good fortune. During this period a student should avoid dangerous, fearful, or sad situations; an employed person should beware

of losing his job. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one's spouse and neighbors are liable to have trouble.



52 KEN STILLNESS 艮 CÁN

Ken is another hexagram made up of the same two trigrams. The trigram Ken means mountain and its characteristic is stillness. Two mountains together strongly suggest immobility. Besides stillness the hexagram means stopping, restriction and control. This hexagram is related to both Taoist and Buddhist meditation. In fact, one Buddhist school derives its basic meditation principles from two I Ching hexagrams: Observation (Hex.20) and Ken. Ken means stillness not only of the body but also the mind. Stillness is not permanent, however, for according to the philosophy of the I Ching, stillness grows out of movement( the preceding hex) and movement follows stillness(the next hex)

If you receive this hexagram you should observe the situation carefully and quietly devise a plan of action. In business it is time to work on your own and not depend on others for help: you will build success gradually. If you're already married or living with someone, you'll have harmony and peace for a long time, but if you do not have a partner it will not be easy to get along with the opposite sex.

THE JUDGMENT : Stillness. Keeping the back still, one feels that the body no longer exists, even when one walks in the courtyard, one sees no people. No blame.

THE SYMBOL : Mountain next to mountain symbolizes stillness. The superior man's thoughts do not go beyond his position.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Keeping the toes still. No error. Continue persistence is advantageous.

You can expect to keep your present job or position without loss or trouble. For the student, however, the time is not good for undertaking anything.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Keeping the calves still. But he cannot restrain the movement that follow, and he is uneasy in his mind

A person cannot achieve his goal now. He suffers from fatigue, or has trouble with his family, or has difficulty with his feet; his mind is troubled constantly. At work a person lacks the ability to pull out of a bad period or depression, and in school one does not have any good opportunities now.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Keeping the loins and the middle of the spine still. Danger. His heart is like an anxious flame.

Arrogance leads to trouble and danger. If working you can expect an important position in a remote place; if in school, you'll gain recognition. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you or your family should beware of sickness of the heart, eyes, or back. You may meet obstacles in your career or have family trouble.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Keeping the body still. No error.

This is a bad time to be aggressive. You can keep your present position or life style, but do not expect promotion or advancement.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Keeping the jaws still. His speech has order. Remorse vanishes. Many will achieve their undertakings, gain recognition, and be in harmony with others. It is a good time for one to seek an important position in society or government, working as writer or commentator. Old and young people, however, are liable to be troubled by indigestion during this time.

Nine at the top : Keeping still with benevolence. Good fortune.

A time of much good luck. You can expect to gain property, profit from a business, receive a promotion, or be recognized in school. You may also change jobs for the better.



53 CHIEN GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT 漸 TIEM

Chien, gradual development, implies improvement and gradual increase. The upper trigram is Sun, wood and eldest daughter; the lower is Ken, mountain and youngest son. Trees grow slowly on the mountain; the son and daughter grow up gradually. This idea is also expressed by the nuclear trigram, Li, the upper, means a bird; in this case it is a goose that leaves the water (K'an, the lower nuclear trigram) and flies to the bank of the river, then to the mountain, thus gradually flying higher and higher.

A person who gets this hexagram will have good fortune if he proceed with his plans step by step. The lines demonstrate the correct course. Even though there may be trouble along the way (3<sup>rd</sup> line), success will come in the end (6<sup>th</sup> line)

The hexagram is on the whole favorable for love and upcoming marriage. Sun and Ken represent a young man and a young woman reaching marriageable age, and the goose which Li stands for is a traditional engagement present in China. Sometimes, however, it is the moving line that determines the prediction. If you are already married and you

receive this hexagram, you should be wary of the involvement of another person in your marriage: the nuclear trigrams are Li, a woman and K'an, a man.

THE JUDGMENT : Gradual development. The marriage of a girl; good fortune. It benefits to continue.

THE SYMBOL : A tree on the mountain symbolizes Gradual development. The superior man in maintaining his virtue, improve society's customs.

#### THE LINES

Six at the bottom : The wild goose gradually approaches the shore. The boy is in danger. There is gossip. No blame.

It indicates difficulty, but you will ultimately be able to achieve your undertaking. The prospects are now good for finding work as a commentator, writer, lawyer, or consultant. A student should not expect help in overcoming his obstacles.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The wild goose gradually approaches a big rock. It eats and drinks joyfully. Good fortune.

Good fortune in everything and comfort everywhere. People will come into money and will eat well. Those employed will find better jobs, and students will pass their exams with honor.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The wild goose gradually approaches the highland. The man sets out and does not return. The woman is pregnant, but does not give birth. Misfortune. It is beneficial to protect oneself from robbers.

Fearfulness and disharmony are indicated in this line; at work one is in danger of losing his job, and in school progress will be slow. As the line says: protect oneself from robbers.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The wild goose gradually approaches the tree, seeking a safe branch. No blame.

This is a time of contentment in your personal life, without fear or sadness; but at work you should expect an unstable situation and difficulty in dealing with arrogant people. A student will pass his exams and begins a career.

You will benefit now by participating in the construction of a building.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The wild goose gradually approaches the top of the hill. The woman is not pregnant for 3 years. In the end nothing can overcome her. Good fortune.

There will be confusion in the beginning, but understanding later; after overcoming obstacles, things will go smoothly in your life. Working people will encounter gossip.

Those not working, including students, will find positions eventually. Old men and children, however, will suffer from poor health.

Nine at the top : The wild goose gradually approaches the cloudy heights. Its feathers can be used in ritual decoration. Good fortune.

You'll carry out a significant undertaking with someone's help. The employed will receive important responsibilities and be respected by society, while a student will gain unexpected success and recognition. Good fortune.



54 KUEI MEI THE MARRYING GIRL 歸妹 QUY MUOI

Kuei Mei indicates marriage, fruition or a final resolution. Chen, thunder and the eldest son, is the upper trigram, and Tui, lake, the youngest daughter, and beauty, the lower. Tui here is a beautiful young girl with little experience who is swept off her feet by an older man. They love each other deeply, but they get married quickly without the appropriate procedures.

Although Kuei Mei represents marriage, it indicates little permanence. The upper nuclear trigram is K'an, water, and the lower is Li, the sun. The sun evaporates the water, which rises up to form clouds. Then thunder, Chen, heralds the rain, which floods the lake below, Tui, to overflowing: the water rises quickly and falls as swiftly. In the same way the strong attraction between the older man and the young girl soon gives way to unfaithfulness, quarreling, and eventually misfortune, the top line. This is in accordance with Chinese philosophy, which holds that events lead to an extreme state, they begin to evolve to the opposite. A person who gets this hexagram should be cautious in business matters and frugal in his personal life. Common-law marriages are favored.

THE JUDGMENT : The marrying girl. Undertaking leads to misfortune. Nothing benefits.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder above the lake symbolizes the marrying girl. The superior man knows the cause of error, and persists in his virtue in the end.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : The marrying girl is to be a concubine. A crippled man can walk. Undertaking is good fortune.

Even with limited ability a person will achieve his undertakings by depending on someone influential. One will perhaps gain recognition at work in a chief's assistant position; in school one can expect to pass his exams. One will also meet a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : A one-eyed man can see. It benefits the solitary man to keep quiet.

You can expect to maintain your present position without any trouble. This also means that you're not likely to be promoted, nor will students and unemployed persons have opportunities for advancement. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you should be on guard against poor health.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The marrying girl is to be a maidservant. She marries a concubine. Sudden advance, sudden retreat. One faces hard work, sadness and bitterness, perhaps divorce or the breakup of friendships, and the making of new friends. At work one should expect a setback, and students and the unemployed should wait for the right opportunity.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The marrying girl postpones marriage. She will marry later, waiting for the right time.

You can expect to change jobs or to wait for one. A merchant will find it advantageous to take a business trip. This is not a good season for marriage; single people should wait for a more appropriate time.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Emperor gives his daughter in marriage. The embroidered dress of the princess is not as splendid as that of the concubine. The moon is nearly full. Good fortune.

You'll achieve your goals. You can expect a promotion at work or recognition in school. You're also likely to get married now, or receive property, or be an honored guest.

Six at the top : The woman's basket is empty. The man stabs the sheep, but no blood comes. Nothing beneficial.

Do not expect to succeed in your enterprise. You may have a job but no salary, or recognition in school but no knowledge. Retired person should watch out for declining health.



**55 FENG GREATNESS 豐 PHONG**

The attributes of greatness, brilliance, and prosperity are suggested in several ways by this hexagram. Chen, the upper trigram, here means wood, forest, and thunder, while the lower trigram, Li, is fire, lightning, the sun, summer, and midday. Together they depict thunder and lightning, a forest in summer, or a forest ablaze, all scenes of great brilliance or power.

Chen, the eldest son and Li, the middle daughter, also represent a couple in the prime of their marriage. They lead full, rich, happy lives, prosperous in business and active in society. But of course this state cannot last: age relentlessly advances and their energy

declines, just as fire diminishes and the sun at midday begins its descent. All greatness changes into its opposite; this is a law of the nature which cannot be avoided.

A person who receives this hexagram should be cautious of success and overabundance.

THE JUDGMENT : Greatness. Success. The king attains greatness, without sadness; he should be like the sun at midday.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder and lightning coming together symbolizes greatness. The superior man judges lawsuits and imposes punishments.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : When a man meets a deputy ruler, there will be harmony between them for 10 days. No blame. Setting forth will lead to progress.

With the help of others you'll achieve your goal. At work, this may mean being promoted with the support of your supervisor; for school it indicates finishing a project and gaining recognition with the help of your friends. But if birth and zodiac unfavorable, you're liable to meet trouble.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The shield is so great that you can see the polestar at noon. Undertakings will lead to suspicions and harm. Only truth can win the confidence of the ruler. Good fortune.

A person can expect to profit even under adverse conditions. A lawsuit will be cleared up without dispute, and patients will recover. At work a person is liable to cause envy and slander, though his ideas are good; he'll lose in the beginning but emerged vindicated. A person without a job will nevertheless find a chance to succeed. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one may mourn for his elders.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Heavy clouds, a fine drizzle can be seen. He hurts his right arm. No blame.

This line indicates that a person cannot achieve his goals. He may meet with slander, conflicts or lawsuits, or have trouble in the hands and feet. At work one is apt to resign, and in school one will find it hard to improve.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The shield is so great that you can see the polestar at noon. One meets an ignorant ruler. Good fortune.

You should expect disharmony and instability at work, in school you will probably have a misunderstanding. Go to someone for advice. In business, you can expect to travel and meet new opportunity, but you should be cautious of accidents; do not go by ships.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Glory will come, causing prosperity and recognition. Good fortune. You can expect help from an influential people and success in your goal. An employed person will be respected in society, and a student will pass his exams and thus gain recognition. Honor is in store for older persons.

Six at the top : One's house is big and luxurious; later it will be overgrown. Someone looks in at the gate and does not see anyone. For 3 years, he sees nothing. Misfortune.

It is a time of conflict, gossip and lawsuits. A person is likely to struggle with relatives, leave home, and start a career in another place. Even an important person is liable to encounter difficulty. The student, however, can expect advancement.



56 LU THE EXILE 旅 Lǚ

Lu indicates an exile or stranger, or traveling and wandering. Li, fire, burns on the mountain, Ken. The fire is fed by Sun, the lower nuclear trigram, which stands for the trees and grasses that grow on the mountain. Sun is also the wind which spreads the fire. The wind blown fire and the fixed mountain symbolize the aimless wanderer and his place of exile. The upper nuclear trigram is Tui, the lake, and the waves blown by the wind on the lake also depict the state of transience.

This hexagram represents the situation in ancient times when traveling was difficult and arduous and those who traveled were usually friendless and lonely. Sometimes they would find shelter and friends (the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) but often there were troubles and misfortune (the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>).

Lu is favorable for anyone who has to travel as part of his profession. It is unfavorable for marriage: both parties will change their minds, or if they're already married, they'll be separated temporarily by their careers.

THE JUDGMENT : The exile. Small success. To continue leads to good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Fire over the mountain symbolizes the exile. The superior man is careful and clever in imposing punishments, and does not delay the cases brought.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : If the exile dallies with the petty matters, he'll draw disaster on himself.

Narrow-mindedness will cause misfortune. One lacks ability in his job. If one is meek in school, he'll be insulted.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : The exile arrives at an inn. He carries valuables. He wins the loyalty of a young servant.

This line indicates that a person will be successful in a remote location. At work one can expect an important job or an assignment involving some aspect of the military; a student will achieve recognition and a job offer.

This is a good time to repair one's home or get assistance in work.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The inn where the exile stays burns down. He loses the loyalty of his young servant. To continue is dangerous.

You should be prepared for trouble in family affairs. At work you are in danger of losing your job, and in school, your reputation. Be especially vigilant against fire in your home. Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The exile finds rest in a sanctuary. He regains his valuables. He is not happy in his heart.

A person is likely to succeed somewhere away from his home. Perhaps one will receive a promotion to a branch of the company in another city or join the military. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there may be sadness, mourning and injury.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : He shoots a pheasant, losing one arrow. In the end he gains honor and position.

Expect great success. Those employed will have the responsibility and prestige; students and scholars will pass their exams, get jobs, and gain recognition; and women will find satisfying careers.

Nine at the top : A bird's nest burns. The exile laughs in the beginning, laments later. He loses his cow by being careless. Misfortune.

One should live cautiously to avoid the misfortune which arises from good fortune. A person will be honored in the beginning, but he is liable to lose his high position later. This is also a time when one can expect to move or repair his home. He should watch out for trouble in his eyes and be careful with electrical appliances and fire.



57 SUN PENETRATION (WIND) 巽 TÓN

Both the upper and lower trigrams are Sun: wind wood, and penetration. Trees and grasses bent before the wind, just as the people yield to the directives of their governments. Those who receive this hexagram should be flexible and work harmoniously with others. Even if one lacks money or skill, he can still achieve success by following someone great. But do not follow another blindly: a definite goal is necessary for good fortune.

The wind, Sun, scatters the seeds of plants to the ends of the earth. Eventually they will fall to the ground, penetrate the soil, and begin to grow. After the new plants bloom, seeds are once again produced and the process is repeated, generation after generation. Thus this hexagram indicates that people can become prosperous in another land. It is favorable for people in the travel business and those who travel for a living.

THE JUDGMENT : Penetration. Small success. It is beneficial to go somewhere. It is beneficial to see a great man.

THE SYMBOL : Wind following wind symbolizes penetration. The superior man proclaims his directives and executes his affairs.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : Advance and retreat. It benefits the military people to be firm.

People will both gain and lose in their enterprises. Those employed will have to cope with instabilities in their jobs: they may be either promoted or demoted, or perhaps they will hold two jobs. But after a difficult situation they will gain success. A student will be wise to seek a civil service job. The time is not favorable for a military position.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Wind under the bed. Many fortunetellers and witches are used. Good fortune. No blame.

You'll succeed thru honesty. If employed you'll be promoted( you may find a job involving either speech or writing); if a student you can expect recognition. You may also take part in a religious ceremony.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Orders repeated many times. Humiliation.

Sudden gain, sudden loss. Working people will be demoted or dismissed, or they may travel on business.

It is a time of embarrassment and humiliation.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Remorse disappears. One catches three kinds of game while hunting.

Benefits and good fortune are in store for many. A person may get a job in a remote place or receive an important assignment having to do with the military. Students can look forward to recognition.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Firmness; good fortune. Remorse disappears. Everything is of benefit. Loss in the beginning, gain in the end. Three days before change. Three days after change. Good fortune.

A person will benefit from his situation and have good fortune. Even with a promotion the employed person faces obstacles in the beginning, but success will come later; he may have two jobs or a powerful position. Recognition is in store for the academic.

Nine at the top : Wind under the bed. He loses his wealth. Continuing leads to misfortune.

This line indicates possible loss or sickness. At work you should be wary of losing your job, and in school you should avoid showing arrogance. But if birth time and zodiac favorable, there will be success; good fortune arises from bad.



58 TUI JOYOUSNESS 兌 ĐOÀI

The essence of Tui is joyousness, happiness and beauty; it implies success. Both primary trigrams are Tui: the youngest daughter, joyous, and the lake. Two lakes in the same hexagram emphasizes the beneficial aspects of a lake, for human beings and plant and animal life, for navigation and irrigation, and for the enhancement of the scenery. The person who receives this hexagram will achieve success or receive benefits.

The trigram Tui represents the mouth. The hexagram therefore indicates a career involving speaking. You may become a singer, actor, actress, teacher commentator or diplomat. You should beware however, for excessive talking can lead to trouble.

For business this hexagram means success. Tui is gold, and the double trigram means a great deal of it; in addition, Tui refers to autumn, when fruit and vegetables ripen and nature is ready for the harvest. In love affairs, the hexagram indicates that two women will love one man, and for married couples the two mouths mean constant disputes.

THE JUDGMENT : Joyousness. Success. Continuance is favorable.

THE SYMBOL : The beautiful lakes symbolizes joyousness. The superior man joins his fellows for teaching and study.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Harmonious joyousness. Good fortune.

This is a time of harmony. A person can expect benefit, recognition, success, and an important job. Husbands and wives will get along well. But if birth and zodiac unfavorable, one may suffer conflicts and lawsuits.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : Truthful joyousness. Good fortune. Remorse vanishes.

A person who gets this line will increase his proficiency and be in harmony with others; he can expect a promotion, or, if in school, a good opportunity. Even if his affairs are now tangled, he'll free himself.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Coming joyousness. Misfortune.

Do not follow another blindly, or mistakes and danger will result. Flattery at work will be viewed as misconduct. In school you can expect to be involved in a competitive situation.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Considering joyousness does not bring security. Once one corrects his conduct, one has joyousness.

This is a time when merchants will benefit, patients will improve, and students will have the chance to advance. At work one can expect added responsibility and the chance for

promotion. But he should be careful to avoid overdoers. Many will enlarge their families thru marriage or having children. But peace of mind will be elusive now.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Confidence in what is decaying is dangerous.

You should expect trouble caused by an unworthy person. At work beware of slander. In school, you may be held back.

Six at the top : Enticing joyousness.

Although people can count on the help or recommendations of others, they will still not be able to achieve their goals or gain the recognition they seek. One should expect trouble, perhaps in the eyes and gossip.



59 HUAN DISPERSION 涣 HOÁN

This hexagram means dispersion, dissolution and separation. Dispersion is symbolized by the wind (Sun, the upper trigram) blowing the water (K'an the lower), causing waves, spray and mist. Sun also means wood, thus the trigrams represent boats on the water as well.

Boats on the water implies traveling, and the Judgment says: It is of benefit to cross the great water. It would be good for you to travel to another place for an undertaking, but in a more general sense the hexagram advises that it is time for a change or movement of some kind. Move your home, alter your attitude or ideas, change your career, begin a new venture, or open a new branch of your business. With the changed conditions, misfortune will dissolve into good fortune. It is also a good time for religious and political activities. Sick people will recover.

Although this hexagram augurs good conditions, none of the lines is misfortune, it advises care. As with sailing a boat at sea, you must be on the watch constantly for dangerous conditions. Something may be broken up: a separation in the family or a dispersion of property. People interested in marriage, this hexagram implies that both parties will be busy with their work; they'll not have the time or opportunity to get married.

THE JUDGMENT : Dispersion. Success. The king approaches the temple, it is of benefit to cross the great water. It benefit to continue.

THE SYMBOL : Wind blowing over water symbolizes dispersion. The ancient kings offered sacrifices to the Deity, then built temples.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : To rescue one with a strong horse. Good fortune.

The first line indicates the approval of your superiors. A student will advance because of his projects, and a workingman can expect promotion.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : At the dispersion he hastens to the opportunity. Remorse vanishes.

This is a time when people achieve their goals and fulfill their wishes. Perhaps one will get married and have a family. At work a person can expect to gain power, perhaps even rising to the top of his company. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one may lose something or be forced to move.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : He dissolves his egotism. No remorse.

A person should be wary of disaster: if it occurs, he may not be able to escape its results.

During this time a person is likely to be transferred in his job to another location. A student can complete his studies somewhere else, but he still will not get a job. In any case it is not a good time for him to begin a new undertaking.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : He disperses his group. Great and fortune. He disperses his hills(property). Ordinary people do not think of this.

Danger in the beginning but safety later. One can expect to achieve his goals and make a profit. At work one is likely to become the leader of many; in school one will pass his exams and gain recognition. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, a time of mourning may be in store.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Dispersion is like sweat pouring from the body, with loud cries. Separation from the king's palace. No blame.

If you get this line, you can expect benefit and protection from danger. You'll find a job, or, if employed, a promotion is likely. If in school, you'll complete your courses and be recognized.

Nine at the top : Dissolving his(coagulated) blood. Departing to a remote place. No blame.

Now is the time to retreat from dangerous situations. Sick people can expect relief, and a lawsuit will be decided favorably. If a person is working, he is apt to be transferred to another place, or he may find a job with the military. Students will have the chance to work for the good of society. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one should expect trouble with blood circulation.



60 CHIEH LIMITATION 節 TIÉT

Limitation implies both control and thrift. K'an, the upper trigram, means water and danger. The lower trigram is Tui, the lake and joyousness. Unless there are boundaries to limit the water in the lake and ways to measure it, there will be flooding. Applied to personal affairs, this means that when one is happy and joyous, he should still beware of danger and thus not lose control.

Limitation also means coming to a stop. Chen, movement and strength, is the lower nuclear trigram, while the upper trigram is Ken, keeping still. Even though strong, one should check his actions in order to avoid danger, K'an.

The person who receives this hexagram should follow the middle way between extremes and keep a good sense of proportion. The first line advocates not leaving one's resting place; the second line cautious against staying. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> lines suggest that limitation at the proper level can be sweet, while the top line means that overdoing it produces bitterness. One should not go hungry, but neither should be overeat. In business, limitation means avoiding large expenses while at the same time not being overly hesitant when faced with opportunities for growth.

THE JUDGMENT : Limitation. Success. Bitter limitation should not be continued.

THE SYMBOL : Water above the lake symbolizes Limitation. The superior man devises number and measures, and measures conduct and virtue.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : One does not go out of the door and courtyard. No blame.

The first line suggests that one should keep his present career and live in the same place without loss. If in school, he will not find the opportunity he is seeking now; he should wait for a proper chance. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one is likely to meet danger.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : One does not go out the gate and courtyard. Misfortune.

Generally, this line bodes good fortune for action and misfortune for inaction. Ignorance of the current situation will lead to the loss of an opportunity because one did not undertake anything or did not leave home; at work one may lose a chance for promotion. At this time recommendations will provide no help for the student.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : One does not limit oneself and has cause for lamenting. No blame.

This line implies that you have expenses and cannot handle money well: you're probably living too luxuriously. If in school, you may be unable to maintain your position because of harsh attacks against you.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Peaceful limitation. Success.

If you follow regulations you can expect good fortune and recognition. At work you're likely to achieve your careers goals thru the favor of your superior.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Sweet limitation. Good fortune. Undertakings bring honor.

You can expect to have your way. At work, you'll be promoted; if out of work or in school you'll find a job.

Six at the top : Bitter limitation. Continuing brings misfortune. Remorse vanishes.

If you lose control you'll be blamed for it, if you insist on your ideas at work you'll be humiliated, if you lack self-confidence in school you'll suffer remorse. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you'll gain neither money nor recognition. An old man should be careful for his health.



61 CHUNG FU INNER TRUTHFULNESS 中孚 TRUNG PHU

Chung Fu indicates sincerity, truthfulness, and confidence; it also signifies someone who possesses these qualities and is trusted by others. The upper trigram is Sun, the eldest daughter and gentleness; the lower is Tui, the youngest daughter and joyousness. The older girl treats her little sister gently and with kindness; and the younger girl follows happily; in business this kind of relationship results in harmony between employer and employees. Ken and Chen, the nuclear trigrams, are the youngest and oldest son, respectively. Thus the entire hexagram consists of brothers and sisters who are able to help and rely on each other.

Chung Fu presages good fortune: harmony in society, cooperation with family and friends, and success in undertakings. The eldest daughter and youngest son, youngest daughter and oldest son are balanced in their relationship. In shape the hexagram resembles a kiss between lovers. It also augurs a change in one's location: the judgment says: It is of benefit to cross the great water. The time is also good for marriages or love affairs.

But one should be cautious : good fortune does not last forever. In the top line, to continue means misfortune. Too much confidence and celebration can be harmful.

THE JUDGMENT : Inner truthfulness.. Sea Lions. Good fortune. It is of benefit to cross the great water. To continue brings benefit.

THE SYMBOL : The wind over the lake symbolizes Inner truthfulness. The superior man judges criminals and postpones capital punishment.

THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : Ponder carefully. Good fortune. Other thoughts lead to anxiety. Aided by an influential person, you'll be able to achieve your goals. You should work hard to succeed, however, for sadness will hide in happiness and there may be loss: laziness will lead ultimately to failure.

A working person can expect promotion through a recommendation., and for a student this is a good time for an undertaking.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : A crane calls in the shade; its young ones respond. I have a good goblet(wine, virtue) to share with you.

Benefit everywhere. People will have children, receive benefits, or live long lives. Those employed will be promoted, and the unemployed will find jobs. But old people may become ill.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : One meets a person. Suddenly he beats a drum, and suddenly he stops; then he weeps, then he sings.

You can expect to gain sometimes, but also to loses sometimes; in happiness hides sadness, but from sadness will spring joy. Working people may be promoted now, but demoted later.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : The moon will be full. He loses a team of horses. No blame.

You can expect a recommendation from your supervisor at work followed by a promotion. If in school, you'll complete your courses and gain recognition. But if birth time and zodiac unfavorable, a married person may loses his spouse.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : His truthfulness is steadfast. No blame.

Good fortune in everything. People will be in harmony with society and achieve their goals. Those employed will get along with their associates and receive added responsibility, while students will have a chance for advancement and recognition.

Nine at the top : The crow of a cock piercing the heavens. To continue: misfortune.

Nine at the top foretells that a person will compete with a stranger and become involved in entanglements that are difficult to escape. At work the employee will have the chance to associate with a high official; in school the students can expect a great advance. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one will have poor health.



62 HIAO KUO SLIGHT EXCESS 小過 TIÊU QUÁ

Hsiao Kuo signifies the slight excess or small mistake that can prevent the achievement of great things. Chen, the upper trigram, the eldest son and thunder, is characterized by strength and movement. Ken, the youngest son and mountain, the lower trigram, is characterized by strength and stillness. There is an excess of strength in this situation, but it cannot be exerted because of the opposing tendencies of movement and stillness. Applied to human affairs, the hexagram indicates excessive humbleness, stinginess, and lack of purpose. A person with these qualities cannot carry out schemes on a grand scale because he is not willing to chance great success. Thus he loses opportunities and finds it difficult to advance in society; he may even bring harm on himself. This kind of person must either change his attitude and become both more generous and more purposeful or settle for only small achievements. The preceding hexagram, Chung Fu, portrays two people mouth-to-mouth; in Hsiao-kuo they are back-to-back, meaning that there is no harmony. One should be cautious constantly: the 3<sup>rd</sup> line says that someone will strike from behind.

THE JUDGMENT : Slight excess. Success. Continuing is of benefit. Undertaking small things, not great things. The song of the flying bird. It is not good to go up; it is good to stay below. Great good fortune.

THE SYMBOL : Thunder over the mountain symbolizes slight excess. The superior man conduct is overly humble. In morning he laments exceedingly, and he is stingy in his spending.

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : A bird encounters misfortune when it soars.

You can expect good fortune at first, but misfortune may strike later. Perhaps you'll be rapidly promoted at work, but this will cause trouble. If in school, you can expect to pass your exams and receive high recognition.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : He passes over his deceased grandfather and meets his deceased grandmother. He does not reach the king but meets an official. No blame.

This line indicates help from both a woman and an influential person; one can expect to achieve his goals, get a promotion and make profits. A student will now be successful in an undertaking and have a good teacher. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, one's mother is liable to suffer ill health.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : If he does not protect himself carefully, someone will stab him in the back. Misfortune.

Be very cautious at this time, beware of harm caused by a woman or by people whose evil is hidden.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : He meets things without excessive reactions. No blame. He will meet danger if he advances. There must be caution. Do not continue.

You can expect to maintain your present job or position without harm or setback. For a student, this is a time of fine opportunity: he will pass his exams easily.

Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Heavy clouds come from the west, but no rain. What the duke shoots he takes from its cave.

This line indicates a favorable time to keep your present position without undertaking anything new or great, although the employed person should perhaps consider a vacation. A student should expect poor conditions, but he'll be aided by an influential person. The aged and sick should beware of misfortune.

Six at the top : He passes over someone, not meeting him. The birds fly away. Misfortune. There will be disaster.

According to this line, you will tend to be ambitious beyond your position and capacity; at work your arrogance will cause frustration. A student, however, can expect to finish a research project successfully. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, there is likely mourning.



63 CHI CHI COMPLETION 既濟 KÝ TẾ

Chi Chi means something achieved successfully, completed, or accomplished, like studies for a degree. The primary trigrams, Li, below and K'an above, depict useful technology in action: the fire boils the water, producing steam. There is an equal and proper distribution of Yin and Yang lines, unbroken lines in strong positions, broken lines in yielding positions, which indicates balance and harmony in all things. In nature this state of perfection is demonstrated by the full moon or by the flower in bloom; in life by a young man and young woman living together harmoniously. But the full moon must wane and the flower fade: people who are successful may easily decline.

According to the judgment, the hexagram predicts success for small undertakings. In business affairs it means that you should not expand but maintain the present state of your business. For marriages it denotes peace and harmony; lovers should get married quickly without delay.

For your undertaking the Judgment also indicates good fortune in the beginning, but disorder in the end.

THE JUDGMENT : Completion. Success in the small. It benefit to continue. Good fortune at first; disorder in the end.

THE SYMBOL : Water above fire symbolizes completion. The superior man ponders danger and takes precautions against it.

#### THE LINES

Nine at the bottom : The brake to the wheel. The tail gets wet. No blame.

Caution prevents trouble. A person has the wish to begin an enterprise but he will not; he will begin something else but not complete it for a time. If one has a job, he will receive no salary in the beginning. A student will not be able to find a job.

Six in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : A lady loses her carriage curtain. Without seeking it, it will be regained within 7 days.

You'll experience difficulty, trouble, and loss in the beginning, but you'll be successful later. If birth time and zodiac unfavorable, you should beware of poor health.

Nine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : The Emperor chastised the barbarian country and conquered it in 3 years. The inferior man should no longer be employed.

People should expect many troubles: conflicts, lawsuits and jealousies will all cost them money. But with patience and perseverance students and the unemployed will find jobs. A working person is likely to take a business trip or be called to work outside the city where he now lives.

Six in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : One has silk clothes but wears rags. Be cautious all day.

This line indicates that you can expect to have enough money to live comfortably. If you are without job, or a student, your knowledge and ability will lead to success in an undertaking. If you work, you can safely keep your position by taking precautions. At this time travel cautiously; there could be trouble with transportation.

Nine in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : The eastern neighbor sacrificed an ox; the western neighbor made a simple offering, but he received the blessing.

Many will succeed in small undertakings but fail in grand schemes. Those employed will hold high positions either in society or in religion, but others will be jealous of them.

Students and the unemployed are liable to see their opportunities vanish. An undertaking in the west will bring good fortune, in the east, misfortune.

Six at the top : His head gets wet. Danger.

Avoid evil persons lest you yourself become tainted.. At work, a person with responsibilities may be subject to jealousy and danger. Students and the unemployed should not neglect their opportunities. Caution in traveling is advised now.



64 WEI CHI BEFORE COMPLETION 未濟 VI TĒ

Although Wei Chi is the last hexagram of the I Ching, it signifies a time of great effort or concernation just before something is completed. In structure and meaning it is the opposite of the preceding hexagram, Chi Chi. In Wei Chi the unbroken lines(yang) are in yielding positions, while the broken lines(yin) are in strong positions. Li, fire or sun, is above K'an, water, the image they present is that of the sun rising from the sea at dawn. Everything is about to begin, and you should be prepared. Or perhaps there is an unfinished project or some business that you should work on diligently.

Even though completion or success is not yet at hand, this hexagram contains great hope for the future. In business, this is a time for a fresh undertaking; new investments will yield profits. If you are a student or scholar, choose your subject or field research carefully, otherwise you will waste your time. In marriage, the positions of the lines indicate that the husband should yield to the wife. The trigrams also show this: the female, Li, is above, the male, K'an, below.

THE JUDGMENT : Before completion. Success. A young fox almost across, wets his tail in the water. Nothing benefits.

THE SYMBOL : Fire above water symbolizes before completion. The superior man carefully distinguishes things, and puts them in their appropriate place .

THE LINES

Six at the bottom : He wets his tail. Humiliation.

One cannot achieve his goal. Employed people will meet with obstacles and find the situation difficult to improve. Students will pass their exams, but their standing will still be below and they will achieve only small success. The traveler should be cautious.

Nine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place : He brakes the wheel. Continuing, good fortune.

By keeping your original attitude, you can complete your plans but acting roughly will lead to trouble. At your job you should work hard and win the confidence of others. Students and the unemployed, however, should not expect to find job now.

Six in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place : Before completion(achieving success), continuing, misfortune. It is beneficial to cross the great water.

This line indicates frustration. In school the student will show no progress, but at work the employee's adequate ability will make it easy for him to cooperate with others.

Merchants may profit now from business trips. The time is not favorable for climbing or crossing high mountains.

Nine in the 4<sup>th</sup> place : Continuing, good fortune. Remorse vanishes. Great power is used to attack the land of the barbarians. Within 3 years, rewards from the great country.

You are likely to profit with the help of others. Responsibility and success in store for an employed person, or perhaps he will accept a military position. The academic's examinations lead to honors.

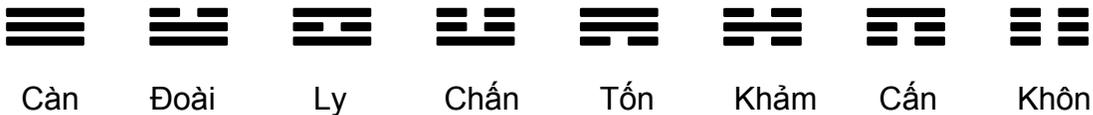
Six in the 5<sup>th</sup> place : Continuing, good fortune. No remorse. The glory of the superior man wins the confidence of the people. Good fortune.

Many will be successful in their activities and become wealthy. Those employed will get high promotions, and a student will gain recognition thru his writings.

Nine at the top : He drinks wine with confidence. No blame. When his head gets wet, he loses confidence.

A person receiving this line will be able to escape danger. An older person will enjoy his life, but he should beware of misfortune in the form of drunkenness or drowning. At work one can expect to advance to an important job.

THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS AND THEIR ATTRIBUTES



 CH' IEN CÀN

Natural phenomenon :	Heaven
Family member	Father
Person	Ruler, older man, great man, famous man, prince
Characteristics	Strong, clear, brave, active, solid decisive, moving, vital, powerful
Abstract concept	Creative, movement.
Material things	Gold, bronze, jade, pearls, precious stones(hard), unbreakable materials, ice, mirror.
Shape	round, short
Color	white, dark red, dark colors
Number	6
Element	metal
Sound	one beat, one note, one sound

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Animal	dragon, horse, goose, lion, elephant
Astrological animal	pig, dog
Part of the body	head, bone, lung
Place	capital, large state, highlands, meadow, plain, landscaped areas
Type of building	public building, tall building, hotel
Hour	7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Month	September(last half), October
Season	Late fall, early winter; sometimes Apr-May
Direction	Northwest
Weather	Clear sky, bright, cold, ice, icicles, hail
Food	Horsemeat, bony meat, delicious meat, dry meat, liver, lung, fish head, chicken head, fruit
Taste	Hot spicy strong
Plant	Trees, fruit bearing tree

 K'UN Khôn

Natural phenomenon	Earth
Family member	Mother
Person	Queen, farmer, peasant, servant, wife, masses
Characteristics	Devoted, flexible, soft, maternal, patient, moderate, calm, weak, empty, passive, cowardly, Sickly, deathlike
Abstract concept	Receptive
Material things	Cloth, cotton, silk, grain, clay, floor, axe
Shape	Square, big belly, thick
Color	Yellow, black
Numbers	8, 2
Element	Earth
Sound	Silence
Animal	Cow, mare, dragon
Astrological animal	Sheep
Part of the body	Belly, stomach, spleen, flesh
Field, wide open spaces, rural, country side, village, small town, shade, storage place, basement, home, building	

Small house, farmhouse, low house, clay house, earth steps leading to a house, secure house

1 PM- 4PM

November; June(last half), July(first half)

Late summer, early fall

Southwest

Cloudy, dark, misty, light rain

Beef, deer, pheasant, inner organs, roots, potatoes, bread, cereal, bamboo shoots, mushroom, sweets.

Sweet

Trunk of tree

 CHEN Cán

Natural phenomenon Thunder

Family member Oldest son, oldest brother

Person Older man (30-40)

CharaActive, excited, diligent, angry, nervous, threatening, anxious, successful, flying, musical, shocking cteristics

Abstract concept Movement, shock

Material things Wood, weeds, reed and rush, musical instruments made of wood, flower, grass, drum, telephone

Shape Round or square; empty inside and uncovered

Color Green, dark yellow, light yellow

Number 4,3

Element Wood

Sound Loud

Animal Snake, horse, fish, pony, dragon

Astrological animal Rabbit( meo)

Part of the body Foot, hair, voice, liver

Place Hardwood forest, dense wood, bushes, park, grassy area, market, hiway, streets

Type of building Tall building

Hours 5AM-9AM

Month March-April(first half)

Season Spring

Direction East

Weather	Thunder, thunderstorm, thundershowers, turbulence
Food	Fresh meat, pig's feet, deer, bird, sour-tasting fruits, vegetables
Taste	Salt
Plant	Pod-bearing, young, green bamboo, fast growing

 K'AN KHẨM

Natural phenomenon	Water, clouds, rain
Family member	Middle son
Person	Young man ( 20-30), sailor, driver, thief, robber, burglar
Characteristics	Dangerous, cunning, deceitful, aimless, clever, wise, sad, harmless, busy, depressed, disturbing
Abstract concept	Abysmal
Material things	Hard wood, flexible material, poison, medicine, container for liquids, bow, wheel, ship
Shape	Round
Color	Black, red
Number	6
Element	Water
Sound	Moans, mourning
Animal	Pig, fish, water creatures
Astrological animal	Rat
Part of the body	Ears, blood, kidney, lower abdomen
Place	River, lake, stream, spring, low and wet place, swamp, pond, pool
Type of building	Cafeteria, bar, restaurant
Hour	11PM-1AM
Month	November, December, January
Season	Winter
Direction	North
Weather	Clouds, heavy rain, moonlight, snow, ice, dew, hail, hoar frost
Food	Pork, seafood, soup, wine, cool drinks, canned food, fruits with kernels
Taste	Salty, sour
Plant	Trees with dried-out trunks

 KEN CẦN

Natural phenomenon      Mountains  
Family member      Youngest son, youngest brother  
Person      Young man(20-29), teenager, bachelor, unemployed, mountaineer  
Characteristics      Quiet, slow, indecisive, secretive, contradictory, tough,  
   independent, stubborn, stagnant  
Abstract concept      Keeping still, stopping  
Material things      Earth, stone, clay  
Shape      Round or square; empty inside but covered  
Color      Dark yellow  
Number      7, 8  
Element      Earth  
Sound      Gong  
Animal      Dog, tiger, rat, animals with long snouts, animals that live in the mountains  
Astrological animal      Cow (Suu)  
Part of the body      Hand, finger, bones, arm, back, thigh  
Place      Small roads, narrow passages, hi plateau, highland, grave yard,  
   mountainous areas, forest that grows on mountains  
Type of building      Temples, churches, haunted buildings, office buildings, storage  
   buildings, safe buildings  
Hour      1AM-5AM  
Month      January(last half), February(first half)  
Season      Between spring and winter  
Direction      Northeast, left  
Weather      Cloudy, misty, volcanic eruptions  
Food      Meat of wild animals, bamboo shoots, potatoes, melons, fruits, mountain  
   fowl, roots  
Taste      Sweet  
Plant      Fruit seeds, roots



Natural phenomenon      Wind  
Family member      Oldest daughter  
Person      Middle-aged woman, widow, person in seclusion  
Characteristics      Yielding, gentle, indecisive, weak, fragrant, neat, obedient,  
   excitable, restless  
Abstract concept      Penetrating  
Material things      Wood, rope, cord, straight things, things that stretch, needle, table,  
   story, painting, telephone

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Shape Long, straight  
Color Blue, white  
Number 4, 5  
Element Wood  
Animal Cock, bird, worm, mosquito, fly  
Astrological animal Dragon, snake  
Part of the body Thigh, upper arm, breath  
Place Summer resort, market, garden, softwood forest  
Type of building Church, temple, 3 to 5 stories building  
Hour 9AM-11AM  
Month April(last half)- May  
Season Late spring early summer  
Direction Southeast  
Weather Windy  
Food Chicken, wild fowl, vegetables, fruits, fish  
Taste Salt  
Plant Flowering, fruit-bearing, fast-growing

 LY HOÀ

Natural phenomenon Fire, sun  
Family member Middle daughter  
Person Middle-aged woman, intellectual, student, soldier, wise person, ruler  
Characteristics Light-giving, hot, agitated, enlightened, beautiful, dedicated  
Abstract concept Clinging  
Material things Book, document, weapons, mail, electricity, accounting ledger,  
fireplace, kitchen ware, stove  
Shape Round and empty; enclosed on all sides  
Color Bright red  
Number 3, 9  
Element Fire  
Sound Happy sounds  
Animal Pheasant, tortoise, turtle, crab, clam, shellfish  
Astrological animal Horse  
Part of the body Eye, heart, chest, solar plexus  
Place Dry highland, rocky place, kitchen  
Type of building Empty building, building with windows, safe building

Hour 11AM-1PM  
Month May (last half)-June (first half)  
Season Summer  
Direction South  
Weather Rainbow, lightning, red sunset, clear, sunny, hot  
Food Dry meat, fried meat, charcoal broiled and burnt meat, pheasant  
Taste Bitter  
Plant Tropical plants, lotus, cactus

 TUI ĐOÀI

Natural phenomenon Lake, cloud  
Family member Youngest daughter  
Person Young girl, concubine, maid, servant, witch  
Characteristics Happy, gossipy, slanderous, quarrelsome, critical, laughing, smiling, soft, harmonious, broken  
Abstract concept Joyous  
Material things Decorative gold and metal, soft metal, metal musical instruments, broken objects, container, useless objects.  
Shape Oval  
Color White, purple  
Number 2, 7  
Element Metal, Water  
Sound Harsh  
Animal Sheep, creatures of the lake, animals with horns  
Astrological animal Chicken  
Part of the body Mouth, tongue, saliva, lungs, small intestine  
Place Swamp, ditch, river bank, pond, pool, dry well, mountain ravines, salt mines, valley  
Type of building Unsafe buildings, dilapidated buildings  
Hour 4PM-7PM  
Month August, September (first half)  
Season Fall  
Direction West, right  
Weather Cloudy, rain, drizzle, new moon  
Food Lamb, freshwater fish, duck, rich and spicy food, leftovers  
Taste Hot, spicy  
Plant Weeds, grasses.