

17. Sui

Allegiance.

Upper Trigram: Tui; Joy, a Lake.

Lower Trigram: Chen; Thunderclap, Movement.

Governing Rulers: Nine in the bottom place.

Nine in the fifth place.

The Image:

The trigram of a lake, and thunder hidden in the midst of it; these form Sui.

The superior man, in accordance with this, when it is getting towards dark, enters his house and rests.

Miscellaneous Signs:

(18, 21, 22, 57, 58)

Sui quits the old; Ku makes a new decree.

The Judgement:

Sui indicates that, under its conditions, there will be great progress and success. But it will be advantageous to be firm and correct.

There will then be no error.

See also: Ta Chuan, section II, chapter II, §7.

Commentary:

In Sui we see the strong trigram come and place itself under the weak; we see in the two the attributes of movement and pleasure: this gives Sui.

'There will be great progress and success; and through firm correctness no error': all under heaven will be found following at such a time.

Great indeed are the time and significance indicated in Sui.

The Lines:

Nine in the bottom place:

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Showing its subject changing the object of his pursuit; if he be firm and

correct, there will be good fortune. Going beyond his own gate to find associates, he will achieve merit.

Six in the second place:

Showing its subject cleaving to the little boy and letting go the man of age and experience.

Six in the third place:

Showing its subject cleaving to the man of age and experience and letting go the little boy.

Such following will get what it seeks; but it will be advantageous to adhere to what is firm and correct.

Nine in the fourth place:

Showing its subject being followed and obtaining adherents. Though he be firm and correct, there will be evil. If he be sincere, however, in his course, and make that evident, into what error will he fall?

Nine in the fifth place:

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The ruler is sincere in fostering all that is excellent. There will be good fortune.

Top-most six:

Showing sincerity firmly held and clung to, yes, and binding. We see the king with it, presenting his offerings to the western mountain.

Commentaries:

Nine in the bottom place:

'He is changing the object of his pursuit': but if he follow what is correct, there will be good fortune.

'He goes beyond his own gate to find associates': he will not fail in the method.

Six in the second place:

'He cleaves to the little boy': he cannot be with the two at the same time.

Six in the third place:

'He cleaves to the man of age and experience': by the decision of his will he abandons the youth below.

Nine in the fourth place:

'He is followed and obtains adherents': this signifies evil.

'He is sincere in his course', showing his intelligence and leading to

achievement.

Nine in the fifth place:

'He is sincere in foresting what is excellent': his position is correct and in the centre.

Top-most six:

'The sincerity is firmly held and clung to, and binding': the idea of the hexagram has reached its extreme development.
