

19. Lin

Approaching.

Upper Trigram: K'un; Passive Principle, Earth.
Lower Trigram: Tui; Joy, a Lake.

Governing Rulers: Nine in the bottom place.
Nine in the second place.

The Image:

The waters of a lake underneath the earth: the image of Lin.
The superior man, in accordance with this, has his purposes of instruction that are inexhaustible, and nourishes and supports the people without limit.

Miscellaneous Signs:

Kuan seeks, Lin gives, such are their themes.

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The Judgement:

Lin indicates that under the conditions supposed in it, there will be great progress and success, while it will be advantageous to be firmly correct.
In the eighth month there will be evil.

Commentary:

In Lin we see the strong lines gradually increasing and advancing. The lower trigram is the symbol of being pleased, the upper of being compliant. The strong line is in the central position, and is properly responded to. 'There is great progress and success, along with firm correctness': this is the way of Heaven.

'In the eighth month there will be evil': the advancing power will decay after no long time.

The Lines:

Nine in the bottom place:

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Showing its subject advancing in company with the subject of the second line. Through his firm correctness there will be good fortune.

Nine in the second place:

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Showing its subject advancing in company with the subject of the first line. There will be good fortune; advancing will be in every way advantageous.

Six in the third place:

Showing one well pleased, indeed, to advance, but whose action will be in no way advantageous. If he become anxious about it, however, there will be no error.

Six in the fourth place:

Advancing in the highest mode!
There will be no error.

Six in the fifth place:

Advance of wisdom, such as befits a great ruler. There will be good fortune.

Top-most six:

Advance of honesty and generosity. There will be good fortune, and no error.

Commentaries:

Nine in the bottom place:

The 'good fortune through firm correctness of advancing in company' is due to his will being set on doing what is right.

Nine in the second place:

The 'good fortune and every possible advantage attending the advance in company', arises from the fact that those to whom the advance is made, are not yet obedient to the ordinances of Heaven.

Six in the third place:

'He shows himself well pleased to advance', but his position is not appropriate to him.

'If he become anxious, however, about his action', his error will not be continued.

Six in the fourth place:

The 'freedom from error consequent on the advance in the highest mode', is due to the appropriateness of the position.

Six in the fifth place:

'Such as befits a great ruler', means the pursuing the course of the due mean.

Top-most six:

The 'good fortune consequent on the advance of honesty and generosity', is due to the subject's will being set on the subjects of the first two lines of the inner trigram.
