

37. Chia Jen

The Family.

Upper Trigram: Sun; Gentle Penetration,
Mildness, Wind, Wood.

Lower Trigram: Li; Clinging Brightness, Fire.

Governing Rulers: Six in the second place.
Nine in the fifth place.

The Image:

Wind coming forth from fire: the image of Chia Jen.

The superior man, in accordance with this, orders his words according to the truth of things, and his conduct so that it is uniformly consistent.

Miscellaneous Signs:

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K'uei looks on others as beyond its care;
Chia Jen all includes within its sphere.

The Judgement:

For the realisation of what is thought in Chia Jen, or for the regulation of the family, what is most advantageous is that the wife be firm and correct.

Commentary:

In Chia Jen the wife has her correct place in the inner trigram, and the man his correct place in the outer. That man and woman occupy their correct places is the great righteousness shown in the relation and positions of heaven and earth.

In Chia Jen we have the idea of an authoritative ruler; that, namely, represented by the parental authority.

Let the father be indeed father, and the son son; let the elder brother be indeed elder brother, and the younger brother younger brother; let the husband be indeed husband, and the wife wife: then will the family be in its normal state. Bring the family to that state, and all under heaven will be established.

The Lines:

Nine in the bottom place:

Showing its subject establishing restrictive regulations in his household.
Occasion for repentance will disappear.

Six in the second place:

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Showing its subject taking nothing on herself, but in her central place attending to the preparation of food. Through her firm correctness there will be good fortune.

Nine in the third place:

Showing its subject treating the members of the household with stern severity. There will be occasion for repentance, there will be peril, but there will also be good fortune. If, however, the wife and children were to be smirking and chattering, in the end there would be occasion for regret.

Six in the fourth place:

She is enriching the family.
There will be great good fortune.

Nine in the fifth place:

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Showing the influence of the king extending to his family. There need be no anxiety; there will be good fortune.

Top-most nine:

Showing its subject possessed of sincerity and arrayed in majesty.
In the end there will be good fortune.

Commentaries:

Nine in the bottom place:

'He establishes restrictive regulations in his household': before any change has taken place in their wills.

Six in the second place:

The good fortune attached to this line is due to the docility of its subject and the humility of her action.

Nine in the third place:

When 'the members of the household are treated with stern severity', there

has been no great failure in the regulation of it. When 'wife and children are smirking and chattering', the proper economy of the family has been lost.

Six in the fourth place:

'The family is enriched, and there is great good fortune': due to the subject's docility, and the line's being in its correct place.

Nine in the fifth place:

'The influence of the king extends to his family': the intercourse between them is that of mutual love.

Top-most nine:

The 'good fortune connected with the display of majesty', describes the result of the recovery of his true character.
