

46. Sheng Moving Upward.

Upper Trigram: K'un; Passive Principle, Earth.

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

Constitutional Rulers: Six in the bottom place.

Governing Rulers: Six in the fifth place.

The Image:

Wood growing upwards in the earth:

The image of Sheng.

The superior man, in accordance with this, pays careful attention to his virtue, and accumulates the small developments of it, till it is high and great.

Miscellaneous Signs:

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Good men in Ts'ui collect, in Sheng they rise.

The Judgement:

Sheng indicates that under its conditions there will be great progress and success. Seeking, with the qualities implied in it, to meet with the great man, its subject need have no anxiety. Advance to the south will be fortunate.

Commentary:

We find the weak line (in the bottom place), as it finds the opportunity, ascending upwards.

We have the attributes of flexibility and obedience; we have the strong line in the centre, and its proper correlate above: these things indicate that there will be 'great progress and success'.

'Seeking, with the qualities implied in it, to meet with the great man, its subject need have no anxiety': there will be ground for congratulation.

'Advance to the south will be fortunate': his aim will be carried out.

The Lines:

Six in the bottom place:

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Showing the subject advancing upwards with the welcome of those above him.

There will be great good fortune.

Nine in the second place:

Showing its subject with that sincerity which will make even the small offering of the vernal sacrifice acceptable. There will be good fortune.

Nine in the third place:

Advancing upwards as into an empty city.

Six in the fourth place:

Showing its subject employed by the king to present his offerings on mount Ch'i.

There will be good fortune; there will be no error.

Six in the fifth place:

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Showing its subject firmly correct, and therefore enjoying good fortune. He ascends the stairs with all due ceremony.

Top-most six:

Advancing upwards blindly. Advantage will be found in ceaseless maintenance of firm correctness.

Commentaries:

Six in the bottom place:

'He is welcomed in his advance upwards, and there will be great good fortune': the subjects of the upper trigram are of the same mind with him.

Nine in the second place:

The sincerity of the subject of this line affords occasion for joy.

Nine in the third place:

'He advances upwards as into an empty city': (but) he has no doubt or hesitation.

Six in the fourth place:

'The king employs him to present his offerings on mount Ch'i': such a service to spiritual Beings is in accordance with their state of mind.

Six in the fifth place:

'He is firmly correct, and will therefore enjoy good fortune. He ascends the stairs with all due ceremony': he grandly succeeds in his aim.

Top-most six:

'He blindly advances upwards': but there is decay in store for him, and he will not preserve his riches.
