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Sun

Gentle Penetration.

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

Constitutional Rulers: Six in the bottom place.
Six in the fourth place.
Governing Rulers: Nine in the fifth place.

The Image:

Wind following upon wind; the image of Sun.

The superior man, in accordance with this, reiterates his orders, and secures the practice of his affairs.

Miscellaneous Signs: (17, 18, 21, 22, 58)

Tui shows its scope, but Sun's we do not see.

The Judgement:

Sun intimates that under the conditions which it denotes, there will be some little attainment and progress. There will be advantage in movement in whatever direction. It will be advantageous also to see the great man.

Appended Judgement:

Sun shows us the regulation of virtue, the weighing of things, secretly and unobserved, and acting accordingly.

Thus Sun appears in doing what is appropriate to time and circumstances.

See also Ta Chuan, section II, chapter VII, §§ 2-4.

Commentary:

Sun repeated shows how, in accordance with it, (governmental) orders are reiterated.

We see that the strong fifth line has penetrated into the central and correct

place, and the will of its subject is being carried into effect; we see also the weak lines obedient to the strong ones above them.

It is hence said: 'There will be some little attainment and progress. There will be advantage in movement in whatever direction. It will be advantageous also to see the great man'.

The Lines:

Six in the bottom place:

X

Showing its subject now advancing , now receding. It would be advantageous for him to have the firm correctness of a brave soldier.

Nine in the second place:

Showing its subject beneath a couch, and employing diviners and exorcists in a way bordering on confusion. There will be good fortune and no error.

Nine in the third place:

Showing its subject penetrating only by violent and repeated efforts. There will be occasion for regret.

Six in the fourth place:

X

Showing all occasion for repentance in its subject passed away. He takes (enough) game for its threefold use, in his hunting.

Nine in the fifth place:

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To its subject, with firm correctness, there will be good fortune. All occasion for repentance will disappear, and all his movements will be advantageous. There may have been no good beginning , but there will be a good end. Three days before making any changes, let him give notice of them; and three days after, let him reconsider them. There will thus be good fortune.

Top-most nine:

Showing the representative of penetration beneath a couch, and having lost the axe with which he executed his decisions. However firm and correct he be, there will be evil.

Commentaries:

Six in the bottom place:

'Now he advances, now he recedes': his mind is perplexed.

'It would be advantageous for him to have the firmness of a brave soldier': his mind would in that case be well governed.

Nine in the second place:

The 'good fortune springing from what borders on confusion', is due to the line's central position.

Nine in the third place:

The 'regret arising from violent and repeated efforts to penetrate', shows the exhaustion of the will.

Six in the fourth place:

'He takes game in his hunting , enough for the threefold use of it': he achieves merit.

Nine in the fifth place:

The good fortune of the subject of this line is owing to its correct position and its being in the centre.

Top-most nine:

'The representative of penetration is beneath a couch': he is occupying the top-most place, and his powers are exhausted.

'He has lost the axe with which he executed his decisions': though he try to be correct, there will be evil.
