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Chi Chi

Completion and After.

Upper Trigram: K'an; the Abyss, Water, Danger.

Lower Trigram: Li; Clinging Brightness, Fire.

Governing Rulers: Six in the second place.

The Image:

Fire in the Abyss: the image of Chi Chi.

The superior man, in accordance with this, thinks of evil that may come, and beforehand guards against it.

Miscellaneous Signs:

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All things are well established in Chi Chi.

The Judgement:

Chi Chi intimates progress and succes in small matters. There will be advantage in being firm and correct.

There has been good fortune in the beginning, there may be disorder in the end.

Commentary:

'Chi Chi intimates progress and succes': that is, in small matters.

'There will be advantage in being firm and correct': the strong and the weak lines are correctly arranged, each in its appropriate place.

'There has been good fortune in the beginning': the weak second line is in the centre.

'In the end, there is a ceasing of effort, and disorder arises': the course that led to rule and order, is now exhausted.

The Lines:

Nine in the bottom place:

Showing its subject as a driver who drags back his wheels, or as a fox that has wet its tail.

There will be no error.

Six in the second place:

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Showing its subject as a wife who has lost her carriage-screen. There is no occasion to go in pursuit of it: in seven days she will find it.

Nine in the third place:

Suggesting the case of Kao Chung, who attacked the Demon region, but was three years in subduing it. Small men should not be employed in such enterprises.

Six in the fourth place:

Showing its subject with rags provided against any leak in his boat, and on guard all day long.

Nine in the fifth place:

Showing its subject as the neighbour in the east, who slaughters an ox for his sacrifice; but this is not equal to the small spring sacrifice of the neighbour in the west, whose sincerity receives the blessing.

Top-most six:

Showing its subject with even his head immersed. The position is perilous.

Commentaries:

Nine in the bottom place:

'He drags back his wheels': as we may rightly judge, there will be no mistake.

Six in the second place:

'In seven days she will find it': for the course pursued is that indicated by the central position.

Nine in the third place:

'He was three years in subduing it': enough to make him weary.

Six in the fourth place:

'He is on his guard all the day': he is in doubt about something.

Nine in the fifth place:

'The slaughtering of an ox by the neighbour in the east is not equal to the small spring sacrifice of the neighbour in the west': because the time in the latter case is more important and fit.

'His sincerity receives the blessing': good fortune comes on a great scale (on behalf of his correlate).

Top-most six:

'His head is immersed; the position is perilous': how could such a state continue long?
